
Qualifications Fact Sheet

2014 – University Entrance

From 2014, new UE requirements will apply to learners obtaining UE from their study during the 2014 academic year and onwards.

This new UE requirement will continue to be the minimum requirement to go to a New Zealand university.

To qualify, you will need:

NCEA Level 3

- 60 credits at level 3 or above plus 20 credits from level 2 or above
- Level 1 literacy and numeracy requirements must also be met

Three of your level 3 subjects must be on the Approved Subjects list so you can also meet the new UE requirement of a minimum 14 credits each (from specified new achievement standards) in three approved subjects.

Any remaining credits from level 3 or higher to gain NCEA Level 3 can come from any field, subfield or domain. This means credits from unit standards based subjects, such as Level 3 Legal Studies, will contribute to UE through this requirement.

Approved subjects

42 credits from three subjects at level 3 made up of:

- A minimum 14 credits in each approved subject from specified new achievement standards
- <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/qualifications-standards/awards/university-entrance/approved-subjects/>

UE literacy

- 10 credits (5 in reading and 5 in writing) at level 2 or higher from specified standards

For standards that meet both reading and writing requirements, it is possible to split the standard to fulfil the literacy requirement. For example, Art History 3.1(91482) can contribute 2 credits to the reading requirement and 2 credits to the writing requirement.

- <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/qualifications-standards/awards/university-entrance/literacy-requirements/>

UE numeracy

- 10 credits at Level 1 or higher from specified achievement standards, or from all three specified numeracy unit standards (26623, 26626 and 26627 – all three required)
- <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/qualifications-standards/qualifications/ncea/subjects/literacy-and-numeracy/level-1-requirements/lit-num-subjects/>