COVID 19 Info in Leaders’ Bulletin

**Further NCEA support for students at schools disrupted in 2021**

With NZQA, the Minister’s Professional Advisory Group and other sector leaders, we've been working to make sure all NCEA students receive appropriate support this year.

Today, the Government has announced further changes to NCEA to support this year’s students.

**On Thursday 2 September**, the Government announced the following for students at schools and kura disrupted by Alert Levels 3 or 4 for a total of 20 or more school days:

*Learning Recognition Credits (LRCs)*

* for every five credits a student earns, they get one extra LRC
* students at NCEA Level 1 are eligible for up to 10 additional credits
* students at NCEA Levels 2 or 3 are eligible for up to eight additional credits.

 *Endorsements*

* for Certificate Endorsements, a threshold of 46 credits at Merit or Excellence level, instead of the usual 50
* for Course Endorsements, 12 credits at Achieved or Merit or Excellence level in a course rather than 14, but at least three credits must come from external assessment and three from internal assessment (where these requirements usually apply).

 *University Entrance*

* to be awarded University Entrance, students need 12 rather than 14 credits in each of three University Entrance Approved Subjects
* students still need to attain NCEA Level 3 and meet [literacy and numeracy requirements](https://govt.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2f59fcd18a691d315b5a045cb&id=3f5c7e4451&e=b88883bb0f).

**Today (Thursday 9 September), the Government has announced further changes to NCEA for this year’s students.**

Students disrupted by 16 days of alert level restrictions this year:

*Learning Recognition Credits (LRCs)*

* for every five credits a student earns, they get one extra LRC
* students at NCEA Level 1 are eligible for up to eight additional credits
* students at NCEA Levels 2 or 3 are eligible for up to six additional credits.

*Endorsements*

* no change to normal requirements.

*University Entrance*

* no change to normal requirements.

In addition to this, students disrupted this year by 16 days of alert level restrictions **and who experienced an additional four or more days of school closures** due to building issues or natural disasters:

*Learning Recognition Credits (LRCs)*

* for every five credits a student earns, they get one extra LRC
* students at NCEA Level 1 are eligible for up to 10 additional credits
* students at NCEA Levels 2 or 3 are eligible for up to eight additional credits.

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**Where to go for more information about today’s announcement**

Information on the application process for those who have seen an additional four or more days of school closures due to building issues or natural disasters will be made available soon.

Please note, exemptions will continue to be available for students who are unable to attend school physically due to their place of residence being under Alert Level 3 or 4.

If you have any questions, please contact your NZQA School Relationship Manager.