



Mana Tohu Mātauranga o Aotearoa  
New Zealand Qualifications Authority

## Education Report: NZQA Assessment Rules for Schools, TEOs assessing against Achievement Standards, and Candidates 2023, Amendment No.1

Date:	8 August 2023	NZQA Priority:	High
Security Level:	In confidence	Report No.	OC00388

Action Sought	Deadline
Minister of Education	For tabling in Parliament
<p>a. <b>note</b> that NZQA Assessment Rules for Schools, TEOs assessing against Assessment Standards, and Candidates 2023, Amendment No.1, was made pursuant to section 452(1)(m) of the Education and Training Act 2020 having been approved by the NZQA Board Chair under delegated authority from the NZQA Board on 7 August 2023</p> <p>b. <b>note</b> that section 452(5) of the Education and Training Act 2020 provides that rules made under section 452(1)(m) do not require the approval of the Minister. However, they must be presented to the House as required by section 114 of the Legislation Act 2019</p> <p>c. <b>note</b> that copies of these Rules will be provided to the House Office for presenting in the House</p> <p>d. <b>agree</b> that this report is proactively released as part of the publication of documents</p>	

Enclosure/Appendix: Yes/No

Round Robin Yes/No

### Contact for Telephone Discussion (if required)

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**Minister's Office to Complete:**

Noted

Seen

Approved

Needs change

Withdrawn

Overtaken by Events

See Minister's comments

Declined

Referred to:

**Comments:**

## Recommended Action

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It is recommended that you:

- a. **note** that NZQA Assessment Rules for Schools, TEOs assessing against Achievement Standards, and Candidates 2023, Amendment No.1 was made pursuant to section 452(1)(m) of the Education and Training Act 2020 having been approved on 7 August 2023 by the NZQA Board Chair under delegated authority from the NZQA Board.
- b. **note** that section 452(5) of that Act provides that rules made under section 452(1)(m) do not require the approval of the Minister. However, they must be presented to the House through your office as required by section 114(1) of the Legislation Act 2019.
- c. **note** that copies of the amendment will be provided to the House Office for presenting to the House.

### Proactive Release Recommendation

NZQA recommends that you:

- d. **agree** that this report is proactively released as part of the publication of documents.

Agree/ Not Agreed



Dr Grant Klinkum  
**Pouwhakahaere/Chief Executive**

8 August 2023



Hon Jan Tinetti  
**Minister of Education**  
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## Purpose of Report

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1. This report notes that NZQA Assessment Rules for Schools, TEOs assessing against Achievement Standards, and Candidates 2023, Amendment No.1 was approved by the NZQA Board Chair on 7 August 2023 (*under delegated authority from the NZQA Board*) and notes that copies will be provided to the House Office for presenting to the House of Representatives.

## Background

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2. This Amendment, which commences on 4 September 2023, has been made to mitigate prolonged disruptions to teaching, learning and assessment of NCEA due to the impact of adverse events such as destructive weather events or other natural disasters, and adverse public health events. The amendments allow for unspecified credits to be used towards the award of an NCEA qualification for school leavers.
3. The amendment gives effect to this by:
  - i.) amending one existing, and adding four new, definitions;
  - ii.) amending the following rules 10 and 11; and
  - iii.) adding a new schedule covering the process for the credits.
4. The Assessment (including Examination) Rules for Schools, TEOs assessing against Achievement Standards, and Candidates are made annually and direct schools in how internal assessment is to be managed, how external examinations and assessments run by NZQA will be administered, and how credits and endorsements for NCEA and other secondary related awards are managed.

## Authority for making the Rules

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5. Section 452(5) provides that rules made under section 452(1)(m) of the Education and Training Act 2020 may be approved by the Board but do not require the approval of the Minister. The NZQA Board has delegated the approval authority to the Board Chair. Once made they need to be presented to the House as required by section 114(1) of the Legislation Act 2019, and ten copies will be provided to the House Office for this purpose.