

## NZQA Assessment Rules for Schools, TEOs assessing against Achievement Standards and NCEA Co-requisite Standards, and Candidates 2024

Date:	26 January 2024	NZQA Priority:	High
Security Level:	In confidence	Report No.	OC00593

Action Sought	Deadline
<p>Minister of Education</p> <p>a. <b>note</b> that the revised <i>NZQA Assessment Rules for Schools, TEOs assessing against Achievement Standards and NCEA Co-requisite Standards, and Candidates 2024</i> were made pursuant to section 452(1)(m) of the Education and Training Act 2020 having been approved on 26 January 2024 by the NZQA Board Chair under delegated authority from the NZQA Board</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 through your office as required by section 114(1) of the Legislation Act 2019</p> <p>c. <b>note</b> that five copies of these amendment Rules will be provided by NZQA to the House Office for presenting to the House</p> <p>d. <b>agree</b> that this report is proactively released as part of the publication of documents.</p>	<p>For presenting to the House</p>

**Enclosure/Appendix: Yes**

**Round Robin: No**

**Contact for Telephone Discussion (if required)**

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**The following departments/agencies have seen this report:**

Ministry of Education

Tertiary Education Commission

Other (specify)

**Minister's Office to Complete:**

Noted

Seen

Approved

Needs change

Withdrawn

Overtaken by Events

See Minister's comments

Declined

Referred to:

Comments:

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### **Recommended Action**

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It is recommended that you:

- a. **note** that the attached NZQA Assessment Rules for Schools, TEOs assessing against Achievement Standards and NCEA Co-requisite Standards, and Candidates 2024 was made pursuant to section 452 (1) m of the Education and Training Act 2020 having been approved on 26 January 2024 by the NZQA Board Chair under delegated authority from the NZQA Board.
- b. **note** 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 through your office as required by section 114(1) of the Legislation Act 2019.
- c. **note** that five copies of these amendment Rules will be provided by NZQA 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.



**Dr Grant Klinkum**  
Chief Executive  
26 January 2024

**Hon Erica Stanford**  
Minister of Education  
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# Education Report: NZQA Assessment Rules for Schools, TEOs assessing against Achievement Standards and NCEA Co-requisite Standards, and Candidates 2024

## Purpose of Report

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1. This report informs you that the NZQA Assessment Rules for Schools, TEOs assessing against Achievement Standards and NCEA Co-requisite Standards, and Candidates 2024 were approved by the NZQA Board Chair on 26 January 2024 (*under delegated authority from the NZQA Board*) and notes that five copies will be provided by NZQA to the House Office for presenting to the House of Representatives

## Background.

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2. The Rules concern internal and external assessment in schools, for home schooled students, and in tertiary education organisations (*where they deliver externally assessed achievement standards and NCEA Co-requisite assessment standards*).
3. Changes are made to the Rules at the end of each year to reflect any changes to policy (*and procedures*) to apply in the following year. Following approval from the NZQA Board they commence on 1 February the following year and are made available on the NZQA website.
4. The following changes have been made to ensure that the 2024 Rules and the Administrative Guidelines align with assessment policy and principles and changes resulting from the NCEA Review Change programme and Review of Achievement Standards, and include:
  - i A change to the Rules' title to include co-requisite standards: *NZQA Assessment Rules for Schools, TEOs assessing against Achievement Standards and NCEA Co-requisite Standards, and Candidates 2024*;
  - ii Schedule 1: Updated to reflect changed NCEA literacy | te reo matatini and numeracy | te pāngarau Co-requisite requirements for NCEA Qualifications and Awards;
  - iii Schedule 3: Candidate Special Assessment Conditions: an optional notification gateway for applications on behalf of NCEA Level 1 students is being trialled alongside the existing approvals gateway in 2024;
  - iv Schedule 6: *Unspecified Credits for Adverse Events* has been removed from the Rules and transferred to the Administrative Guidelines and retitled: *The processes for conferring Unspecified Credits*. A new process: *Unspecified Credits for exam booklet mix ups* has been added; and
  - v There are new and changed definitions for:
    - Achievement Standard
    - Affected Candidate
    - Applicable credits
    - External Assessment
    - Exam booklet mix up
    - NCEA co-requisite
    - Publish or Published

- Results release
  - Unspecified credits for an exam booklet mix up.
5. The approved 2024 Rules commence on 1 February 2024 and are made available on the NZQA website.

### Authority for making the rules

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6. NZQA may make rules under section 452(1)(m) of the Education and Training Act 2020 providing for the conduct of assessments and examinations relating to any qualifications or awards. The assessment Rules relate to assessment and examination for the award of NCEA and New Zealand Scholarship, and also include recognitions available from the assessment and examination for NCEA (*i.e. certificate endorsement, course endorsement, vocational pathways, and University Entrance*). The NZQA Board has delegated to the NZQA Board Chair the authority to approve the Rules.
7. Section 452(5) of the Education and Training Act 2020 provides that Ministerial approval is not required for the Rules made under section 452(1)(m).
8. Section 114(1) of the Legislation Act 2019 requires the Rules to be presented to the House of Representatives. Five copies will be provided by NZQA to the House Office for presenting to the House.