

**Information Update: Literacy - Reading Assessment Co-Requisite
Event 1 2025 – Results Update**

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This information update provides you with the results for the Literacy - Reading assessment from the first NCEA co-requisite assessment event for 2025, ahead of the results being released to students and schools on Wednesday 25 June.

Information

The first NCEA co-requisite assessment event for 2025 was held over a two-week period in May 2025. Separate assessment activities were provided in weeks 1 and 2 to protect the integrity of the assessments. There will be a second assessment event in September 2025 over a two-week period.

Participation

57,531 students attempted the reading assessment (of the 66,400 entered for the assessment by their schools). This is an increase on 2024 when 54,623 students attempted the reading assessment in the first event (and 48,124 for the second event).

Just over half of the participants (**30,675 students**) were in Year 10.

- **72.1% of Year 10 students** achieved the reading co-requisite.
- Over 95% of Year 10 students were first-time candidates.

All but **1,300** students completed their assessment on the digital platform.

Achievement rates

Across all year levels, 61.2% of students achieved the reading assessment in May 2025.
This is an increase on 2024 achievement:

- 58.7% achieved in May 2024
- 56.0% achieved in September 2024.

Repeating students

14,809 students had previously attempted but not achieved the assessment in 2024 or earlier.

- Their achievement rate was **41.2%** - an indication that repeating students do achieve, but at a lower rate than students attempting the assessments for the first time.
- Repeating students are more common in the second event of each year:
 - 26% of students were repeating in event 1 of 2025, compared with 50% of students repeating in event 2 of 2024.
 - This is one of the reasons the achievement rates in the first event are generally higher than achievement rates in the second event in any given year.

By socio-economic barriers to attainment (School EQI Group), the achievement rates were:

- Fewer: 71.7%
- Moderate: 61.6%
- More: 41.2%
- Unassigned: 87.3%

Results release for other co-requisite assessments

The co-requisite assessment results for literacy - writing, numeracy, te reo matatini and pāngarau will be released on 14 July.

We will provide you with a briefing on all results for Event 1 on Thursday 10 July. We will publish the national results on our website on 14 July.