

Education Report: Amendment to the Assessment (including Examination) Rules for Schools with Consent to Assess 2020, Amendment No. 3.

Date:	7 December 2020	NZQA Priority:	High
Security Level:	In confidence	Report No.	CR21324

	Action Sought	Deadline
Minister of Education	<p>a. note that the Assessment (including Examination) Rules for Schools with Consent to Assess 2020, Amendment No. 3, was made pursuant to section 452(1)(m) of the Education and Training Act 2020 having been approved by the NZQA Board Chair on 19 October 2020.</p> <p>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 as required by section 452(7).</p> <p>c. agree that the necessary copies of this amendment to those Rules are provided to the House Office.</p>	For presenting to the House

Enclosure/Appendix: Rules

Round Robin: 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Withdrawn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

Referred to:

Comments:

Recommended Action

It is recommended that you:

- a. **note** that the attached Assessment (including Examination) Rules for Schools with Consent to Assess 2020, Amendment No. 3, made pursuant to section 452 (1) m of the Education and Training Act 2020 having been approved by the NZQA Board Chair on 19 October 2020.
- 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 as required by section 452(7).
- c. **agree** that the necessary copies of this amendment to these Rules are provided to the House Office. NZQA will coordinate this with your office.

AGREE/DISAGREE



Dr Grant Klinkum
Pouwhakahaere/Chief Executive

7 December 2020

Hon Chris Hipkins
Minister of Education

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Purpose of Report

1. This report is to provide your office with the Assessment (including Examination) Rules for Schools with Consent to Assess 2020, Amendment No. 3 for providing to the Office of the Clerk (attention Bills Office) and presenting to the House of Representatives

Background

2. The Government has made policy decisions on NCEA relating to the further disruption to teaching, learning and assessment following the Auckland lockdown in August that resulted from the re-emergence of COVID-19.
3. The amendments give effect to those decisions by allowing additional Candidate learning recognition credits for Further Affected Candidates.
4. The additional credits are implemented by a slightly different calculation of additional learning recognition credits for Further Affected Candidates, compared to the calculation provided for all Candidates in Amendment No. 2. The credits are used for the award of an NCEA qualification and Vocational Pathways. There is also a further reduction in the number of credits required to gain certificate endorsement by Further Affected Candidates, additional to the reduction provided for all Candidates in Amendment No. 2.
5. Amendment No. 3 gives effect to the Government's NCEA COVID-19 decisions by:
 - i.) amending the definition of "Applicable credits" and adding four further definitions; and
 - ii.) replacing rules 8.4.c and 8.4.d.
6. The Assessment (including Examination) Rules for Schools with Consent to Assess 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.
7. The original Rules were approved under section 253 of the Education Act 1989. This amendment to the Rules was made under the Education and Training Act 2020 which received its Royal Assent on 31 July 2020.

Authority for making the Rules

8. Section 452 (5) of the Education and Training Act 2020 provides that rules made under section 452(1)(m) may be approved by the Board but do not require the approval of the Minister. The Board has delegated the approval authority to the Board Chair, and the Board Chair approved the Amendment No.3 to the rules on 19 October 2020. Now that this Amendment No.3 has been made, the relevant number of copies need to be presented to Parliament through the House Office as required by section 452(7).