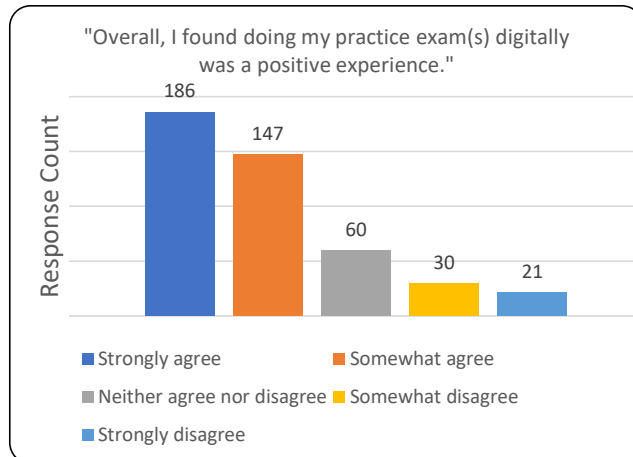
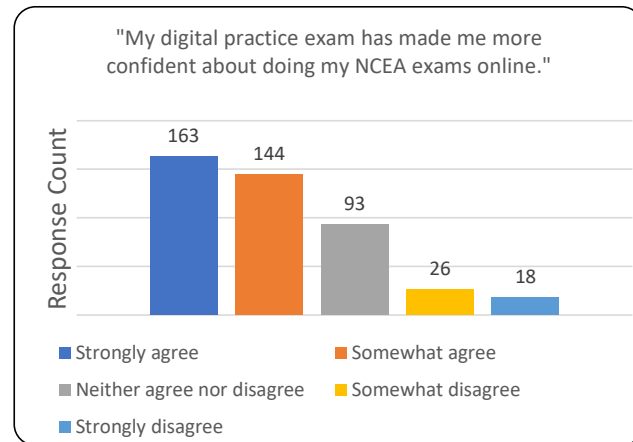
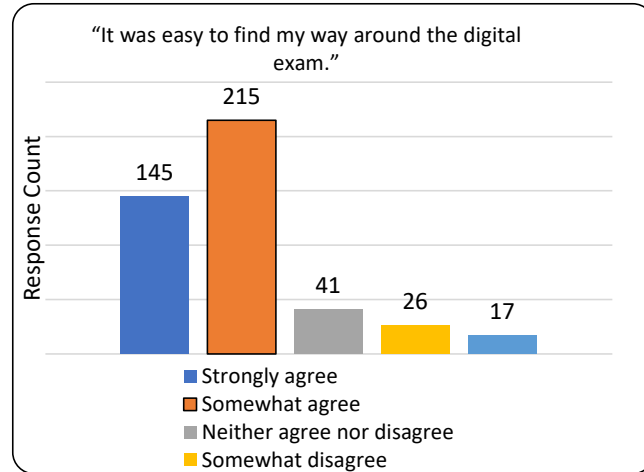
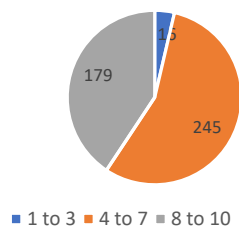


2021 Digital Practice Exams – Student experience

Key points:

- ✓ In 2021 NZQA offered digital practice exams in six subjects (English, Classical Studies, Media Studies, Te Reo Māori, Te Reo Rangitira, and Agricultural and Horticultural Science) at levels 1-3.
- ✓ 11,782 students from 152 schools participated in at least one digital practice exam, with 857 students doing more than one session.
- ✓ We had a survey response rate of 3.8%, with 444 students responding to the student survey offered as part of the digital practice exams.
- ✓ Of the student responses to the post-exam survey, 11% (56 of 507) identified as Māori and 4.3% (22 of 507) as Pacific.
- ✓ 75% of surveyed students reported that doing their practice exams digitally was a positive experience.
- ✓ When asked what they thought would improve digital practice exams, common suggestions from student respondents were:
 - enable keyboard shortcuts
 - make website design simpler and more user friendly
 - easier navigation to locate exam
 - improve mobility of viewing between examination pages
 - enable spell check for entire exam without need to refresh
 - enlarge font of exam instructions and materials
 - create a 'not attempted' tick box.

Student responses by school decile band



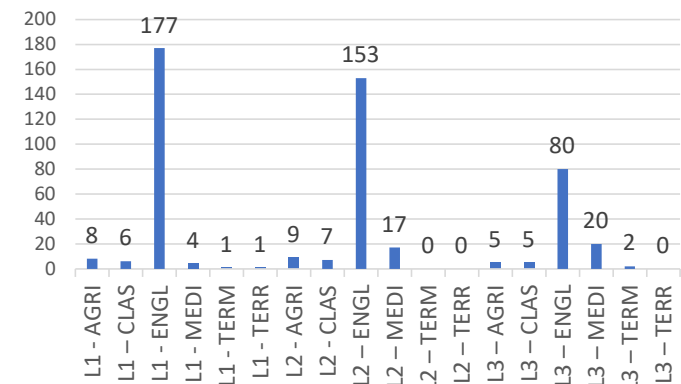
Percentages of student respondents who agreed with these statements:

- "My digital practice exam has made me more confident about doing my NCEA exams online." **(69.14%)**
- "Overall, I found doing my practice exam(s) digitally was a positive experience." **(75%)**
- "It was easy to find my way around the digital exam." **(81.1%)**

Device use

- **76.2%** of student respondents reported experiencing no network or device problems while accessing or completing their digital exam.
- **18.7%** of student respondents reported **using a school-provided device** to complete their digital exam.
- **81.3%** of student respondents reported **using their own device** to complete their digital exam, as follows:
 - **66.66%** of Māori respondents
 - **70.58%** of Pacific respondents
 - **83.82%** of non-Māori/non-Pacific respondents

Student survey responses by digital exam session



Preparation

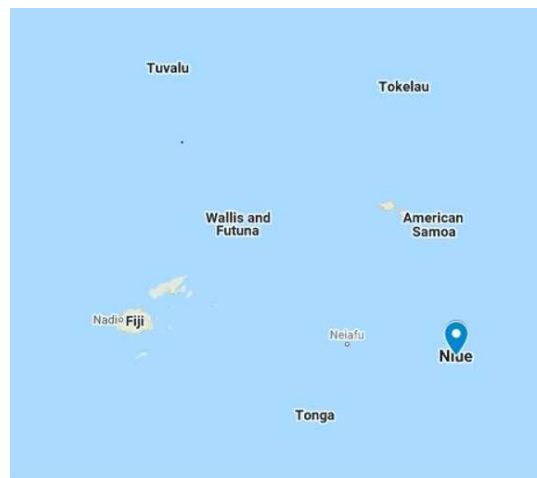
Students responding to the survey said they prepared for their practice exams as follows:

- ✓ tried a past digital exam on the NZQA website **(15.7%)**
- ✓ watched a video on the NZQA website **(6.5%)**
- ✓ checked their device on the NZQA website **(15.5%)**
- ✓ discussed the digital practice exam in class **(25.5%)**
- ✓ created or checked their NCEA login **(28.1%)**
- ✓ didn't prepare for their digital practice exam **(5.9%)**

Key points:

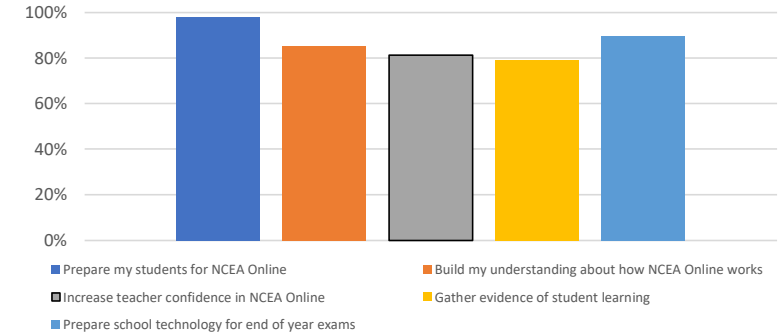
- ✓ Digital practice exams were available to schools for 13 weeks from 2 August to 31 October 2021. Schools chose the week in which they would participate.
- ✓ NZQA worked with subject associations and subject matter experts to offer digital practice exams at Levels 1-3 for English, Classical Studies, Media Studies, Te Reo Māori, Te Reo Rangatira and Agricultural and Horticultural Science.
- ✓ 152 schools participated – 142 schools from outside Auckland (including Niue High School) and ten Auckland schools which ran their digital practice exams remotely.
- ✓ 188 administrators, 495 supervisors and 645 markers made up the school-based participants.
- ✓ Of the 152 participating schools, 59 had participated in 2020 digital practice exams and 115 had participated in the 2020 NCEA Online exams.
- ✓ More information about schools' and students' participation in 2021 digital exams will be available in the summary evaluation reports on these practice exams and NCEA end of year exams.

Location of the 152 participating schools

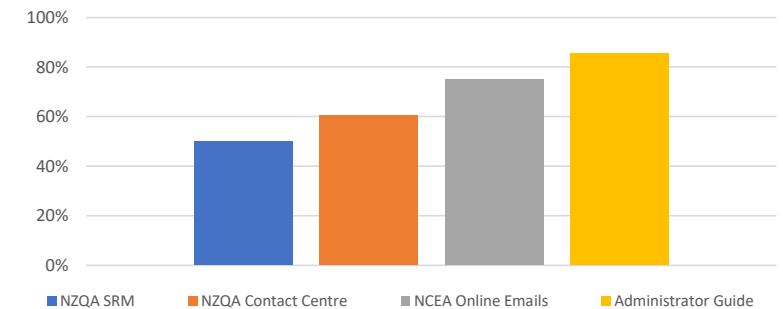


Administrator survey respondents

Administrator survey respondents who found "The digital practice exams were useful to"



Administrator survey respondents who found the following NZQA support useful:



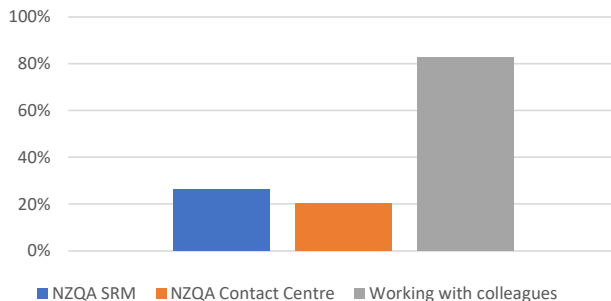
Survey responses:

NZQA received completed survey responses as follows:

- 495 from students (attending 32 unique schools)
- 211 from school-based participants identifying their role(s) as Administrator, Supervisor or Marker (in 63 unique schools).

Marker survey respondents

Marker survey respondents who found the following NZQA support useful:



Supervisor survey respondents

Supervisor survey respondents who found the following activities user-friendly and helpful preparation for digital supervision:

