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E te rangatira, tēnā koe

We would like to thank you for your ongoing efforts to support your teams and your students, and hope that you were able to find time to rest over the term break.

Today the Associate Minister of Education announced changes to NCEA that recognise the impact student and teacher absences due to COVID-19 and other winter illnesses have had on teaching, learning and assessment this year.

In 2022, students will be entitled to **1 Learning Recognition Credit (LRC) for every 5 credits** earned through assessment, up to a maximum of:

NCEA Level	Maximum LRCs
1	10
2	8
3	8

To receive a **Certificate Endorsement**, students will need **46 credits** at Merit or Excellence level, instead of the usual 50.

To be awarded University Entrance, students will need **14 credits in each of two UE Approved Subjects, and 12 credits in a third UE Approved Subject** (they will also need to attain NCEA Level 3 and meet the regular literacy and numeracy requirements).

The submission dates for some **externally assessed portfolios** have also been moved back one week - this provides some relief but avoids overlap with end of year examinations. This will apply to the following subjects:

- Technology (NCEA Levels 1-3 and NZ Scholarship)
- Design and Visual Communication (NCEA Levels 1-3 and NZ Scholarship)
- Education for Sustainability (NCEA Level 3)
- Dance (NZ Scholarship)
- Music (NZ Scholarship)
- Health and Physical Education (NZ Scholarship)

The dates for Visual Arts and the Digital Technologies and Hangarau Matihiko Common Assessment Task (DCAT) are not changing.

Where learning needs to extend into 2023, NZQA will work with you to help students be awarded their qualification earlier in the year, outside of the normal annual cycle.

With only 11 school weeks to go before NCEA end of year examinations start, we hope this gives clarity about the range of qualifications interventions that NZQA and MoE are providing students in 2022, and allows you to plan accordingly.

Finally, we would like to thank you and your teams for continuing to support students and wish you well for the new term.

Kia noho haumarū



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