

Myth 1

The number of credits assessed

FACT 1



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Facts

- Students need a total of 80 credits for an NCEA qualification at each level: 60 credits at that level or above, plus 10 Literacy or Te Reo Mātaatini credits and 10 Numeracy or Te Pāngarau credits.
- Assessment programmes can be personalised to meet individual student needs. Some students may undertake less assessment, whilst others undertake more.
- The National Curriculum details what may be taught, but not everything needs to be assessed. Too much assessment can get in the way of learning.
- The school decides on the overall number of credits assessed in a year, by a student or group of students.
- Students should be assessed when they are ready.
- Teaching programmes should allow students to be assessed when they are ready.

Myths

- All students within a course must be assessed against the same standards.
- All students should be assessed against every standard offered in a course.
- A course must contain no more than 24 credits and no less than 18 credits.

More points about NCEA

A teaching programme should meet the requirements of the New Zealand Curriculum or Te Marautanga o Aotearoa.

An assessment programme should give students the opportunity to demonstrate their learning.

Factors that might determine the amount of assessment undertaken include:

- the school's assessment policy
- the ways evidence of achievement can be gathered
- the number of credits needed to gain a qualification, course endorsement, University Entrance, or other tertiary entrance requirements
- credits required for Vocational Pathways.