**Level 1 Literacy**

These changes are happening for NCEA Level 1 in 2023, Level 2 in 2024, and Level 3 in 2025.

The Review of Achievement Standards has been rephased so that the new Level 1 achievement standards will be fully implemented in 2024…

<https://ncea.education.govt.nz/understanding-how-ncea-requirements-are-changing#:~:text=These%20changes%20are,implemented%20in%202024%2C>

Learners will be able to continue on their learning programme towards NCEA while they work towards achieving the Te Reo Matatini me te Pāngarau | Literacy and Numeracy co-requisite. However, they will need to achieve the 20 credit **co-**requisite *[note, not a* ***pre****-requisite]* to be awarded their NCEA qualification. This means they will want to achieve them before finishing their NCEA studies.

<https://ncea.education.govt.nz/understanding-how-ncea-requirements-are-changing#:~:text=Learners%20will%20be,their%20NCEA%20studies>.

Learners **can use unit standards** **as well as achievement standards** to reach the credit requirement for each level of NCEA. They will also be able to use any skills standards set by Workforce Development Councils. The only unit standards they cannot use for the 60 credit requirement are the compulsory Te Reo Matatini me te Pāngarau | Literacy and Numeracy standards.

<https://ncea.education.govt.nz/understanding-how-ncea-requirements-are-changing#:~:text=Learners%20can%20use,and%20Numeracy%20standards>.

All NCEA subjects and wāhanga ako are being re-built with 4 achievement standards – 2 internally assessed, 2 externally assessed – worth 20 credits total. Schools will still be free to design courses that use achievement standards from across 2 or more NCEA subjects.

To be eligible for course endorsement, students must gain 14 or more credits from a single course, with at least one externally assessed standard achieved.

<https://ncea.education.govt.nz/understanding-how-ncea-requirements-are-changing#:~:text=All%20NCEA%20subjects,assessed%20standard%20achieved>.

On the current timeline, the new Te Reo Matatini me te Pāngarau | Literacy & Numeracy co-requisite is set to become a mandatory part of the qualification from 2023….These new standards assess learners on important foundational skills that will help them succeed in NCEA, further learning, life, and work.

**To get the co-requisite, learners need to achieve the ten credits in:**

**a)    either the**[**Te Reo Matatini**](https://ncea.education.govt.nz/te-reo-matatini-me-te-pangarau/te-reo-matatini/te-ako)**OR**[**Literacy**](https://ncea.education.govt.nz/literacy-and-numeracy/literacy/learning) **standards (see further information from this link on the following page)**  
       AND  
**b)**   either the [Pāngarau](https://ncea.education.govt.nz/te-reo-matatini-me-te-pangarau/pangarau/te-ako) OR [Numeracy](https://ncea.education.govt.nz/literacy-and-numeracy/numeracy/learning) standard

<https://ncea.education.govt.nz/understanding-how-ncea-requirements-are-changing#:~:text=On%20the%20current%20timeline%2C%20the,standard>

**From the Literacy link:**

Right now, the two ways learners can meet the requirements for literacy and numeracy in NCEA are to complete standards on a list of specified assessment standards, or a package of three literacy and three numeracy unit standards. See the [NZQA website](https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/subjects/literacy-and-numeracy/level-1-requirements/) for more information.

If learners achieve the full literacy or numeracy requirement before the qualification changes, this achievement will be recognised towards the new co-requisite while we transition to the new NCEA requirements.

On the current timeline, 'tagged' Level 1 assessment standards, including the current package of three literacy and three numeracy unit standards will no longer be recognised to meet the NCEA literacy and numeracy co-requisite for kura and school based programmes from 2023.

We are also tagging new achievement standards so that they can be used towards the literacy and numeracy requirements during the transition period.

<https://ncea.education.govt.nz/understanding-how-ncea-requirements-are-changing#:~:text=Right%20now%2C%20the,the%20transition%20period>.

There are also some exclusions which will apply to the new literacy and numeracy standards. This will mean that if learners achieve the new corequisite standards and the current literacy and numeracy unit standards, the excluded standards will not be counted towards meeting the NCEA 60 credit requirement. See Table 2 for a list of standards excluded from the new literacy and numeracy standards.

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|  | **NEW LITERACY AND NUMERACY STANDARDS** |  | **CURRENT UNIT STANDARDS** |
| EITHER | Literacy (reading) US32403, 5 credits | OR | Reading US26624, 3 credits |
| EITHER | Literacy (writing) US32405, 5 credits | OR | Writing US26622, 4 credits |
| EITHER | Numeracy US32406, 10 credits | OR | Numeracy: number US26623, 4 credits, statistics US26626, 3 credits or measurement US26627, 3 credits |

Table 2

<https://ncea.education.govt.nz/understanding-how-ncea-requirements-are-changing#:~:text=There%20are%20also%20some%20exclusions%20which%20will,from%20the%20new%20literacy%20and%20numeracy%20standards>.

**The way I understand the information above is that if a student achieves US26624 Reading and/or US26622 Writing in 2022, they cannot use them next year to go toward their 60 NCEA credits. Hopefully, though, students achieve BOTH of these standards this year AS WELL AS US26625 Speaking to tick the ‘Literacy’ box before they move into further studies toward NCEA next year.**