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Publication of NZQA's Annual Report on NCEA and New Zealand Scholarship Data and Statistics (2020)

Date:	26 May 2021	NZQA Priority:	Medium
Security Level:	In confidence	Report No.	CR 22307

	Action Sought	Deadline
Minister of Education	<p>a. note that NZQA intends to publish the <i>Annual Report on NCEA, University Entrance and New Zealand Scholarship Data and Statistics (2020)</i> on 10 June 2021.</p> <p>b. note that NZQA will be issuing a communication on our website about the report release.</p> <p>c. note that the 2020 NCEA, University Entrance and New Zealand Scholarship attainment data was released publicly on 4 May 2021.</p> <p>d. note that the 2020 report contains commentary on COVID-19's impact on attainment.</p> <p>e. note that 2020 data on NCEA administrative processes such as examination breaches and review and reconsideration statistics are released in this report.</p> <p>f. note that unlike previous years, the 2020 report will not include a National Agreement Rate for external assessment, due to external moderation being optional in 2020 due to COVID-19.</p> <p>g. note that the Ministry of Education has received a copy of the draft report.</p>	

Enclosure/Appendix: Yes

Round Robin Yes/No

Contact for Telephone Discussion (if required)

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The following departments/agencies have seen this report:

Ministry of Education Tertiary Education Commission Other (specify)

Minister's Office to Complete:

Noted Seen Approved
 Needs change Withdrawn Overtaken by Events
 See Minister's comments Declined

Referred to:

Comments:

Publication of NZQA's Annual Report on NCEA and New Zealand Scholarship Data and Statistics (2020)

Recommended Action

It is recommended you:

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- c. **note** that the 2020 NCEA, University Entrance and New Zealand Scholarship attainment data was released publicly on 4 May 2021.
- d. **note** that the 2020 report contains commentary on COVID-19's impact on attainment.
- e. **note** that 2020 data on NCEA administrative processes such as examination breaches and review and reconsideration statistics are released in this report.
- f. **note** that unlike previous years, the 2020 report will not include a National Agreement Rate for external assessment, due to engagement with national external moderation being optional in 2020 due to COVID-19.
- g. **note** that the Ministry of Education has received a copy of the draft report.

Proactive Release Recommendation

NZQA recommends you

- h. **agree** that this report is proactively released as part of the next publication of documents.

Agree disagree



Dr Grant Klinkum
Chief Executive
26 May 2021



Hon Chris Hipkins
Minister of Education

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Publication of NZQA’s Annual Report on NCEA, University Entrance and New Zealand Scholarship Data and Statistics (2020)

Purpose of Report

1. This report is to advise you of the publication of NZQA’s Annual Report on NCEA, University Entrance and New Zealand Scholarship Data and Statistics (2020) (“the Report”) and companion A3 summary document on 10 June 2021. A copy of the Report and companion A3 summary document are enclosed.
2. The Report includes the final 2020 NCEA and University Entrance attainment statistics [CR22173 refers¹]. These statistics are published on the NZQA website in the school statistics section.

Background

3. Each year, once secondary school attainment statistics (NCEA, University Entrance and New Zealand Scholarship) are finalised, NZQA compiles and publishes an Annual Report. The first of these reports was published in 2010 to cover the 2009 academic year. Copies of the reports are available on the NZQA website.
4. The Annual Report includes the finalised secondary school attainment statistics, and data on NCEA administrative processes such as special assessment conditions statistics, breaches of examination rules, review and reconsideration statistics, and internal assessment moderation agreement rates.
5. The Annual Report for the 2020 school year reflects a year that was significantly disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The resiliency of the system, as well as the hard work and commitment of schools, students and whānau is reflected in increased levels of attainment.
6. Despite overall improvements, attainment for Māori and Pasifika students is still proportionately lower than for other groups. This is particularly marked in attainment of NCEA Level 3 and University Entrance. As attainment of these qualifications is strongly linked to better outcomes in employment and future education, this is an area that merits further investigation and effort if our commitments to equity are to be upheld.
7. To recognise the disruption caused to teaching, learning and assessment as a result of COVID-19 engagement with national external moderation was made optional in 2020. Because of this, NZQA is not reporting a National Agreement Rate² for 2020.

Communications

8. NZQA will be issuing a communication on its website when the Report is published on 10 June 2021. A copy of the communication will be provided to your media team in advance. In past years, the release of the Annual Report has attracted little attention from the media because final attainment data is already released on the NZQA website.

¹ CR22173 Education Report: Final 2020 NCEA and University Entrance attainment statistics, 15 April 2021.

² The rate of agreement between teachers and moderators on the grades awarded for a random sample of between 5,000 to 10,000 pieces of student work.