

The way our students are doing their exams is changing; from pen and paper to doing exams on a computer.

## Why are we moving to digital exams?

The world we live in is changing. Increasingly, how we live and work is being influenced by digital technologies.

For our young people, completing exams digitally reflects how they are living and learning. They need to be prepared for a future workforce that is digitally literate.

The move to digital exams helps us continue to develop NCEA as a modern, innovative and world-class qualification supporting students to build the skills they need with the devices they use every day.

## What does this mean for you and your family?

Completing digital exams reflects the way many students are already learning. Being confident using technology prepares our children for success in a future that will rely increasingly on using digital technology not only in work but in many day to day interactions.

Educators, communities, businesses and others are all helping make digital learning easier through better access to devices and the internet in schools and at home.

Paper based exams will continue to be offered as schools transition towards digital learning.

## Doing exams on a computer



## Where we've been and where we're going

### Past

2002-2004: NCEA introduced, replacing School Certificate, University Entrance, Sixth Form Certificate and University Bursary qualifications.

2014-2018: Testing digital exams with over 30,000 students from most schools.

### Present

21 subjects currently offer digital exams across levels 1, 2 and 3 with more subjects planned in future years.

More than 200 schools and 20,000 students were entered to sit a digital exam in 2019.

### Future

Digital exams will be different from paper versions, assessing the same things in new ways.

Technology will bring life to images on paper and can let students hear questions read aloud, as well as reading the text.