

# The number of credits assessed

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## Facts

- Students need a total of 80 credits for each NCEA qualification.
- 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.
- The teaching programme should allow students to be assessed when they are ready.

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## Some other things to think about

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

## 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.'



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## More information

### NCEA levels and certificates

<http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/understanding-ncea/how-ncea-works/ncea-levels-and-certificates>