

NCEA support for COVID-19 disruption during 2021 – as at 20 October 2021

Region	How to access these	Regional lockdown impact on school attendance	LRCs		Endorsement thresholds		University Entrance
			NCEA Level 1	NCEA Levels 2 & 3	Certificate	Course	
Pre-COVID			None	None	50 credits at Merit or Excellence level	14 credits at Achieved, Merit or Excellence level *At least three credits must come from external assessment and three from internal assessment (where these requirements usually apply).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14 credits in each of three UE-approved subjects • NCEA Level 3 • Literacy and numeracy
Tāmaki Makaurau	Pre-approved		One for every four credits achieved, up to a maximum of 16 extra	One for every four credits achieved, up to a maximum of 12 extra	44 credits at Merit or Excellence level	12 credits at Achieved, Merit or Excellence level*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 credits in each of three UE-approved subjects • NCEA Level 3 • Literacy and numeracy
Outside Tāmaki Makaurau	Pre-approved	Student attendance disrupted in in Levels 3 and 4 for 16 days	One for every five credits achieved, up to a maximum of 8 extra	One for every five credits achieved, up to a maximum of 6 extra	50 credits at Merit or Excellence level (no change to normal requirements)	14 credits at Achieved, Merit or Excellence level*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14 credits in each of three UE-approved subjects • NCEA Level 3 • Literacy and numeracy
	Pre-approved - currently Northland, parts of Waikato	Student attendance disrupted during Levels 3 and 4 for 20 or more school days	One for every five credits achieved, up to a maximum of 10 extra	One for every five credits achieved, up to a maximum of 8 extra	46 credits at Merit or Excellence level	12 credits at Achieved or Merit or Excellence level*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 credits in each of three UE-approved subjects • NCEA Level 3 • Literacy and numeracy
	Apply for recognition of further LRCs due to further disruption	Student attendance disrupted in Levels 3 and 4 for 16 days , and with an additional four or more days of school attendance not possible due to school building closures or natural disasters	One for every five credits achieved, up to a maximum of 10 extra	One for every five credits achieved, up to a maximum of 8 extra	46 credits at Merit or Excellence level	12 credits at Achieved or Merit or Excellence level*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 credits in each of three UE-approved subjects • NCEA Level 3 • Literacy and numeracy
	Apply for COVID inclusion for individual students	Student attendance disrupted in Levels 3 and 4 for 16 days , and at Level 2 as the individual is not physically attending school: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • in response to COVID-19 advice for keeping safe • due to alert level boundaries 	One for every four credits achieved, up to a maximum of 16 extra Or One for every five credits achieved, up to a maximum of 10 extra	One for every four credits achieved, up to a maximum of 12 extra Or One for every five credits achieved, up to a maximum of 8 extra	44 credits at Merit or Excellence level Or 46 credits at Merit or Excellence level	12 credits at Achieved, Merit or Excellence level*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 credits in each of three UE-approved subjects • NCEA Level 3 • Literacy and numeracy

Where to go for support - NZQA encourages schools to contact their school relationship manager to discuss their students' needs so the most appropriate support can be provided.