New Zealand

NCEA grades

The grade each NCEA standard gets

Code	Grade	Credits gained
N	Not Achieved	No
A	Achieved	Yes
M	Merit	Yes
E	Excellence	Yes

Merit and Excellence earn no extra credits; they count toward endorsements.

Checked against the sources on 4 November 2026. Rules can change, so your board or university has the final word.

Source: NZQA: About NCEA (opened 4 November 2026)

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