

UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

NZQA is responsible for setting the University Entrance requirements. These are the minimum requirements that domestic students leaving school after Year 13 and who are not yet 20 must meet in order to study at degree level at a New Zealand university.

The requirements are:

- NCEA Level 3
- 3 subjects – at Level 3, made up of 14 credits in each of three approved subjects.
- literacy – 10 credits from specified achievement standards at Level 2 or above, made up of 5 credits in reading and 5 credits in writing.
- numeracy – 10 credits at Level 1 or above, see above for details.

Universities also require a Guaranteed Entry Score (GES) of at least 150 points, as well as UE. To gain the GES, your best 80 credits from Level 3 (or above) UE approved subjects will be rated. However, you can only use a maximum of 24 credits from each subject. This means that any credits over 24 will not contribute to the GES. Your grades will be rated as follows:

Excellence = 4 points per credit, Merit = 3 points per credit, Achieved = 2 points per credit.

Note: you need to check the GES requirement for your intended university or degree, as it may be more than 150 points. For some courses, the GES can be 180 points, e.g. Medical Sciences

Check out the requirements for entry to first year university courses you are hoping to take next year, to ensure that you are taking all the right courses this year.

You also need UE for degree courses at Polytechnics, so check it out early in the year.

For further information refer to the NZQA website: www.nzqa.govt.nz or contact the Assessment Manager.