



SECONDARY UPDATE



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2011 will see the introduction of a number of improvements designed to increase student engagement and support students to gain worthwhile qualifications.

Consider these improvements when planning senior secondary programmes for 2011:

- Senior Secondary Teaching and Learning Guides are being developed to support the development and effective delivery of the curriculum.
- Achievement Standards at Level 1 are changing, and assessment resources will be produced to support these. Transition arrangements are in place.
- Literacy and Numeracy requirements for NCEA Level 1 are changing – and new unit standards in Literacy and Numeracy are being introduced.
- Subject Endorsement will be introduced – so students will be able to gain Merit or Excellence for their courses studied, as well as for the NCEA Certificate.

Welcome to the first *Secondary Update* – a quarterly newsletter with ‘need to know’ secondary information.

In this update:

- changed achievement standards
- changed literacy and numeracy requirements
- literacy and numeracy unit standards
- guides for designing New Zealand Curriculum-aligned senior learning programmes.

Standards review timelines from the Ministry and NZQA

We now have Level 1 achievement standards and assessment resources will be produced to support these. All standards that measure outcomes from Level 6 of the New Zealand Curriculum (NZC) and above will now be achievement standards.

Final draft standards will be available on the TKI website on 31 May. These are for your planning purposes only. There will be some additional specialist standards for Technology available in July – see below for more details.

See available standards and draft assessment resources at:

<http://www.tki.org.nz/e/community/ncea/alignment-standards.php>

Most Level 1 assessment resources have been trialled and student exemplars are being selected. Annotated exemplars showing grade boundaries will be published from

December this year.

Technology Standards Consultation

Please feedback on new Level 1 draft achievement standards in Technology. There are four additional generic standards and 22 standards in specialist categories of technological knowledge and skills. We also want feedback on reviewed outcomes for the current Information Management achievement standards at Level 1. These are now incorporated in the proposed Digital Technologies standards.

Consultation closes on 28 May so please encourage technology teachers to have their say. This can be done at:

<https://surveys.researchnz.com/NCEA/Technology>

This link goes directly to the documents for consultation:

<https://surveys.researchnz.com/NCEA/Technology/Documents.html>

Literacy and numeracy unit standards

- New literacy and numeracy unit standards are being finalised for use in 2011 – consultation on drafts close on 28 May (see <http://www.nzqa.org.nz/framework/standard/review/literacy-numeracy.html>).
- There will be 20 credits from the unit standards (10 in literacy and 10 in numeracy) which can be used to assess literacy and numeracy for NCEA Level 1.
- Schools can choose to implement the standards next year, or if they need more time, this can be done in 2012.
- The new standards can be used in secondary schools, tertiary organisations, and the workplace. They're designed to assess literacy and numeracy skills needed for everyday life.

Literacy and Numeracy Requirements for NCEA Level 1

- The new literacy and numeracy unit standards will meet NCEA Level 1 requirements. Alternatively, students can gain literacy and numeracy through a range of achievement standards at NZC level 6. The Ministry is identifying suitable achievement standards.
- Next year there will be a transition period for the current literacy and numeracy requirements. During this time, you will be able to use:
 - the 8 credits for literacy and the 8 credits for numeracy from the existing standards OR,
 - the new unit standards OR,
 - the range of achievement standards that will soon be available.

You'll find more details on both these areas in an NZQA circular soon.

Transitions for unit and achievement standards

The 30 March 2010 NZQA circular explained transition arrangements for 2011. (<http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/publications/circulars/secqual/2010/s2010-010.html>)

In brief:

- In 2011 you can use both existing internally assessed achievement standards and unit standards, and the new achievement standards, but standards with the same outcomes will be excluded. We will issue a list of these.
- In 2012 you won't be able to use the existing internally assessed achievement standards.
- In 2011 the only externally assessed achievement standards available for you to use are the new ones. For a course to be eligible for endorsement (<http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/publications/circulars/secqual/2010/s2010-014.html>), at least three credits from externally assessed standards and three credits from internally assessed standards must be achieved. That means the new externally assessed standards will be needed for course endorsement.

Literacy and numeracy requirements for NCEA Level 2 and 3

Work continues in this area. One strong possibility is that to gain NCEA Level 2 or 3, students will be required to fulfil the NCEA Level 1 literacy and numeracy requirements.

Currently, there are no literacy and numeracy requirements to achieve NCEA Level 2 or Level 3 qualifications.

Teaching and Learning Guides

The teaching and learning guides will help you to plan your teaching and learning programmes using the NZC as a starting point. They will also:

- help teachers develop quality learning programmes and teaching approaches at NZC levels 6–8
- support teachers in their planning for use of the standards aligned with the NZC
- guide rather than prescribe
- provide examples of engaging contexts for students.

Full guidelines will be available for Social Sciences in June and July 2010, with Sciences, Technology, Mathematics with Statistics, Learning Languages Part 1 available in November 2010. Full Business Studies guidelines are now available. Development work in the Arts and in Health and Physical Education has begun. Curriculum guidelines (Years 1 – 13) for learning Te Reo Maori in English-medium schools were published in 2009 and are on TKI.

See updates on the guides at <http://seniorsecondary.tki.org.nz/>

A website for secondary middle leaders

This Ministry website assists secondary middle leaders to work with their departments to implement the NZC. It explores various aspects of effective pedagogy (<http://nzcurriculum.tki.org.nz/Ministry-curriculum-guides/Secondary-middle-leaders>).

Implementing the *New Zealand Curriculum (2007)*

There are new strands in the NZC in Mathematics and Statistics, Technology and Science. In addition, Business Studies has achievement standards implemented at Level 1 in 2010 and in development for Level 2 (2011) and Level 3 (2012). These new strands and Business Studies provide exciting and challenging new opportunities for teaching and learning programmes in schools.

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