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University Entrance

University Entrance (UE) is the minimum requirement to go to a New Zealand university. To qualify you will need:

- Approved subjects - 42 credits at **Level 3 or higher**, made up of:
 - 14 credits in one [approved subject](#)
 - 14 credits in another [approved subject](#)
 - 14 credits from one or two additional domains or approved subjects
- Literacy requirements - 8 credits in [English or te reo Maori](#) at **Level 2 or higher**, made up of:
 - 4 credits in reading
 - 4 credits in writing
- Numeracy requirements - 14 credits in Numeracy at **Level 1 or higher**, made up of:
 - 14 credits in Mathematics or Statistics and Probability or Pangarau

Once you have met the requirements for University Entrance this will appear on your Record of Achievement.

Credits

Credits can be accumulated over more than one year.

If a unit and an achievement standard assess the same learning outcome, only the credits for ONE standard can be counted. In other words they are 'mutually exclusive'. A list of such [exclusions](#) is published each year.

Discretionary entrance

When an applicant does not qualify for University Entrance to a New Zealand university, they may be eligible for Discretionary Entrance.

See [New Zealand Vice-Chancellors' Committee - Discretionary Entrance](#) for more information.

Review of university entrance 2010

The NZQA Board approved the undertaking of a review of university entrance late in 2009. The project will review the common educational standard for entrance to New Zealand universities known as university entrance. For more information see [Review of university entrance 2010](#).

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