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## Information for NCEA Candidates

Enclosed are your answer booklets and/or mark sheets from the 2020 National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) external assessments you sat last year. Any folders for Technology or portfolios for Design and Visual Communication have already been returned directly to your school.

Please check that this pack includes **all** your answer booklets and/or mark sheets for the externally assessed standards you attempted. Use your admission slip to help you check.

**If you have missing answer booklets and/or mark sheets**, contact NZQA on 0800 697 296.

*(You will be asked for your National Student Number (NSN) and the numbers of the missing standards so please have these ready.)*

**If you have received another candidate's answer booklets and/or mark sheets**, please notify us on 0800 697 296 and then return them to:

NZQA  
Logistics  
Freepost 3221  
P O Box 160  
Wellington 6140

*You do **not** need to pay postage.*

**To view your marked digital NCEA examinations, go to:**

<https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/ncea/>

## Grade Score Marking (GSM) and your results

Use your NZQA student login account details to view your grades.

Your NCEA examination booklets record a score instead of a grade on the cover because they were marked using GSM.

In GSM the separate scores for questions are added together to give the total score on the cover of your booklet. Your grade is then awarded based on the total score.

You can check the grade has been correctly awarded by going to the NZQA website. The range of scores for each grade for each standard is in the cut scores for the examination for each subject:

<http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/qualifications-standards/qualifications/ncea/subjects/cut-scores/>

More information about grade score marking is available at:

<https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/ncea-exams-and-portfolios/external/grade-score-marking/>

## Reviews and Reconsiderations

### Reviews

You should apply for a review if the total score on the front of the booklet:

- is not the same as the sum of the scores for the questions inside the booklet
- does not provide the result expected, based on the cut scores for the standard.

There is no charge for a review. Your booklet will not be re-marked.

### Reconsiderations

If you want your booklet re-marked you should ask for a reconsideration. Your booklet will be completely re-marked for a fee of \$20.40.

Fees for reconsiderations will be waived if:

- your parent or guardian (or a person with relevant care responsibilities) is receiving a Work and Income or Study Link benefit; or
- the family income would entitle your family to receive a community services card.

This fee is refunded if your **grade** changes. A change in a score that does not result in a change in the grade will not result in a refund.

***You must not have altered or added to your answer booklets or portfolios in any way. Answer booklets or portfolios that contain correcting fluid or pencil will not be eligible for review or reconsideration. They may be investigated as a breach of examination rules and some or all of your results may be cancelled.***

The last date for receipt of NCEA reviews and reconsiderations at NZQA is **Friday 26 February 2021.**

For further information about reviews and reconsiderations, **including NCEA Digital examinations**, go to:

<https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/ncea-results/reviews-and-reconsiderations/>

If your NCEA results cause any worries for you, please talk to someone for support. This could be a trusted adult at home or at your school, or in your community.