



How NCEA results are recognised overseas



Who is this factsheet for?

International students who have gained NCEA qualifications in New Zealand, and domestic students who are considering further education at an overseas tertiary education organisation.

New Zealand's education system in the international context

New Zealand's education system is recognised by the OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development) as world leading.

A number of international arrangements are in place that ensure NCEA results are understood and accepted overseas.

NZQA is part of the National Academic Recognition Information Centres (NARIC) network. NARIC is used by tertiary education providers to make informed decisions about qualifications from member states of the European Union, the European Economic Area, and Central and Eastern Europe.

NZQA can calculate Grade Point Averages (GPAs), an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) for students seeking entry to Australian universities, and other forms of results data using NCEA results for students applying to universities overseas.

This ensures a unified approach when New Zealand school leavers apply for entry to foreign universities.

Recognition arrangements

NZQA has specific NCEA recognition arrangements with a number of countries

For details of specific arrangements for the recognition of NCEA, go to our [website](#).



More about NCEA

Find out more about how NCEA works on our website at www.nzqa.govt.nz/how-ncea-works, where you can also watch a short animated video on how NCEA works or download our brochure 'Understanding NCEA'. NCEA is well-recognised overseas - see www.nzqa.govt.nz/international-recognition-of-ncea for more information.

International students can also download the 'Study in New Zealand' brochure from our website. The brochure is available in English and translated into six languages.

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