

# How to gain the NCEA Co-requisite

Every student needs 20 credits to gain the NCEA Co-requisite.  
10 credits must be in literacy and 10 credits must be in numeracy.

There are two ways to get **literacy** credits:

1

## Sit the Common Assessment Activities (literacy tests)

There are two tests: one for reading and one for writing.

The reading and writing assessments are each worth 5 credits, for a total of 10 Literacy credits.

A student must achieve both tests to pass the literacy Co-requisite this way.

OR

2

## Gain 10 literacy credits from a list of additional standards

Some subjects have a specific standard that counts towards literacy.

Students must gain a total of 10 of these credits to pass the literacy Co-requisite.

There are two ways to get **Numeracy** credits:

1

## Sit the Common Assessment Activities (numeracy test)

There is one test for the numeracy Co-requisite. It is worth 10 credits.

OR

2

## Gain 10 numeracy credits from a list of additional standards

Some subjects have a specific standard that counts towards numeracy.

Students must gain a total of 10 of these credits to pass the numeracy Co-requisite.

### Approved literacy and numeracy standards

You can find the list of standards that provide literacy and numeracy credits towards the Co-requisite on our NCEA website:



[ncea.education.govt.nz/standards-approved-ncea-co-requisite-during-transition-period-2024-2027](https://ncea.education.govt.nz/standards-approved-ncea-co-requisite-during-transition-period-2024-2027)

### Things to remember:

Students only have to pass the NCEA Co-requisite once to contribute towards their NCEA Level 1, 2, and 3 qualification.

After a student has achieved literacy or numeracy, they do not need to do it again.

If a student has passed either literacy or numeracy but not the other, they can wait until they have achieved both. When that happens, they will receive the NCEA Co-requisite.

If a student passes one of the reading or writing assessments but not the other, they can resit the one they missed at a later time — at which point they will achieve the co-requisite.