

# Understanding the NCEA literacy and numeracy co-requisite

Resources and information to support your child achieve their co-requisite assessment

## What you need to know:

To gain an NCEA qualification at Level 1, 2 or 3, your child will also need to show that they have foundational reading, writing, and numeracy skills. They do that by achieving the NCEA literacy and numeracy co-requisite.

It's important to remember:

- your child can achieve the co-requisite any time throughout their NCEA journey
- your child will have a lot of opportunities to try and achieve the co-requisite
- your child only needs to achieve the co-requisite once.

## What do the assessments look like?

Between 2024–2027, the co-requisite can be achieved in two different ways:

- **Common assessment activities**  
Teachers will organise these online assessments for your child, which they can sit when they're ready – from as early as Year 9, all the way through to Year 13.
- **Achieving 10 literacy credits and 10 numeracy credits from a list of approved standards**  
You can talk to your child's school about the standards that are available.

## Te Reo Matatini and Pāngarau

Some kura and schools offer co-requisite assessments in Te Reo Māori. You can ask if this is an option at your child's school.

More information is available here: [Learn more about the NCEA co-requisite](#)



## Support for your child

There are a lot of things you can do to help your child as they work towards achieving the co-requisite:

- Talk to their school and their teachers. You could ask about ways to improve their literacy and numeracy skills, how they are assessing the co-requisite, and the ways they recommend supporting your child at home.
- Look for opportunities to practice those skills at home. Practising reading, writing, and maths can help them develop the skills they need to achieve the co-requisite.
- Help them practise using online assessments. Past exams and practise tests can help them get comfortable with the co-requisite, so that they feel confident and prepared for their assessment at school.

You can find practise assessments here:

[Preparing for the NCEA co-requisite](#)

You can find past exams here, under 'Literacy' and 'Numeracy' in the subject section:

[Find past digital external assessments \(NZQA\)](#)

More information on the co-requisite, and how you can support your child with it, is available here:

[Literacy and Numeracy in NCEA: A guide for students and whānau](#)