

Schedule 2 Admission to Bachelor's Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates

PART A BACHELOR'S DEGREES

To gain admission to a bachelor's degree, all applicants must satisfy the requirements for University Entrance plus any specific admission requirements for the programme.

University Entrance

An applicant may be granted University Entrance under one of the following categories:

- New Zealand Secondary School Qualifications
- Special Admission
- Discretionary Entrance
- Ad Eundem Statum Admission

New Zealand Secondary School Qualifications

1. To gain University Entrance an applicant must have achieved one of the following:
 - (a) from 2014 (for entry into university in 2015):

NCEA Level 3, with:

 - Three subjects at Level 3 or above, made up of 14 credits in each of three approved subjects, and
 - Literacy – 10 credits at Level 2 or above, made up of 5 credits in reading and 5 credits in writing from a schedule of achievement standards approved for this purpose, and
 - Numeracy – 10 credits at Level 1 or above, made up of either specific achievement standards available through a range of subjects, or a package of three numeracy unit standards (26623, 26626, 26627).
 - (b) from 2005:
 - a minimum of 42 credits at level 3 or higher on the National Qualifications Framework, including a minimum of 14 credits at level 3 or higher in each of two subjects from an approved list of subjects, with a further 14 credits at level 3 or higher taken from no more than two additional domains on the National Qualifications Framework or approved subjects, and
 - a minimum of 14 credits at level 1 or higher in Mathematics or Pangarau on the National Qualifications Framework, and
 - a minimum of 8 credits at level 2 or higher in English or Te Reo Māori; 4 credits must be in Reading and 4 credits must be in Writing. The literacy credits will be selected from a schedule of approved achievement standards and unit standards.
 - (c) prior to 2005:
 - a grade of C or higher in each of three subjects of the New Zealand University Entrance, Bursaries and Scholarships (NZUEBS) examinations, and Higher School Certificate

- a New Zealand Bursary at 'A' or 'B' level
- a combination of NZUEBS A, B or C grades and have completed equivalent subjects registered on the National Qualifications Framework, and Higher School Certificate
- at least 13 credits at level 3 from the National Qualifications Framework in each of the three subjects from the approved list, and Higher School Certificate
- a grade of D or higher in each of four subjects of the New Zealand Universities Bursaries Examination prior to 1993
- New Zealand University Entrance prior to 1986

Special Admission

1. A New Zealand citizen or permanent resident who does not hold a university entrance qualification as detailed above, but who will have reached the age of 20 by the first day of semester for the programme for which admission is sought, is eligible to be enrolled as a student and may be granted Special Admission.
2. In exceptional cases, an applicant who does not hold a university entrance qualification and who has not reached the age of 20 by the first day of semester for which admission is sought may apply for special admission. In assessing whether to grant special admission in exceptional cases, the primary focus will be on the applicant's level of preparedness for the specified programme and course of study.

Discretionary Entrance

1. A person under the age of 20 years who
 - (a) is a citizen or permanent resident of New Zealand; or a citizen or permanent resident of Australia whose most recent year of schooling was in New Zealand; and
 - (b) does not meet the University Entrance standard; and
 - (c) has received secondary schooling to at least New Zealand Year 12 level (or its equivalent overseas) and has completed NCEA Level 2 endorsed with Merit or better (or its equivalent). This should include at least 14 credits in each of 4 NCEA Level 2 (or higher) subjects, at least 3 of which must be on the approved subject list, and
 - (d) has met the literacy and numeracy standards required for University Entrance, or their equivalents; and
 - (e) (i) has not completed Year 13 at a New Zealand secondary school; or
(ii) has undertaken study in Year 13 at a New Zealand secondary school, but has not attempted to qualify for University Entrance

may apply for Discretionary Entrance. Each application will be considered on a case-by-case basis in relation to the programme applied for.
2. Persons who attempt to qualify for University Entrance in Year 13, but who fail to do so, may be considered for mid-year admission in the year following their NCEA assessment.
3. In special circumstances the Convenor of the Committee on University Academic Programmes (CUAP) Sub-Committee on University Entrance may permit persons who do not fulfil Clause (c) or Clause (d) or Clause (e) above to apply for Discretionary Entrance.

4. A person studying at a New Zealand secondary school, who is attempting to qualify for entrance to university, may apply for Discretionary Entrance in the same year for the purpose of enrolling in papers offered in a summer school. Any person admitted under this regulation who does not, in the following January, meet the University Entrance standard will be required to withdraw from the university and may re-apply for admission at mid-year. Students required to withdraw may complete their summer school programme before doing so, but any papers passed will not be credited to a qualification until a University Entrance qualification is gained.

Ad Eundem Statum (AES) Admission

1. Ad Eundem Statum Admission at Entrance Level

1.1 Ad Eundem Statum Admission (Admission with Equivalent Status) at Entrance Level may be granted to an applicant who meets the criteria under one of the following categories:

1.1.1 University of Cambridge International Examination (CIE)

- (a) An applicant who has undertaken CIE in a New Zealand secondary school must achieve the criteria in Table 1 below:

Table 1: University of Cambridge International Examinations (CIE)

| Standard | University of Cambridge International Examination (CIE) |
|--------------------|---|
| Part 1 General | Achieve 120 points or above on the UCAS Tariff ^a at AS or A level from any subjects which are broadly equivalent to the subjects in the NCEA approved subject list. A grade of D or above in at least 3 different subjects (excluding Thinking Skills). |
| Part 2 Numeracy | A grade of D or above in IGCSE ^b or GCSE Mathematics, or any mathematics subject passed at AS or A level. |
| Part 3 Literacy | A grade of E or above in English Language, Language and Literature in English or Literature at AS or A level. |

a. UCAS (Universities and Colleges Admissions Service for the UK) Tariff = System which converts AS and A Level grades into points.

b. International General Certificate of Secondary Education

- The entry score will be based on the UCAS Tariff score detailed below in Table 2.
- A grade of D or better from subjects referred to in Part 2 and/or Part 3 at AS or A level will satisfy the requirements of up to two of the three subjects required in Part 1.
- The UCAS Tariff score will be accumulated over the last one to two years, in subjects at AS, A2 or A level from no more than 6 subjects, equivalent to NCEA approved subjects.

Table 2: UCAS Tariff

| UCAS TARIFF | | | | | | |
|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Level | A* | A | B | C | D | E |
| A | 140 points | 120 points | 100 points | 80 points | 60 points | 40 points |
| AS | – | 60 points | 50 points | 40 points | 30 points | 20 points |

1.1.2 International Baccalaureate (IB)

An applicant who has undertaken International Baccalaureate (IB) in a New Zealand or overseas secondary school must have been awarded the IB Diploma (24 points minimum) and have satisfied literacy and numeracy requirements by successfully completing either literature or language and literature (SL or HL) from IB Group 1, with English as the language and any mathematics subject from IB Group 5. New Zealand residents who have taken IB and have not had the diploma awarded may apply for discretionary entrance.

1.1.3 Special character New Zealand secondary school

(a) An applicant must have been awarded the Christian Education New Zealand Level 3 Certificate, or the former Accelerated Christian Education Year 13 Academic Certificate with at least four credits in subjects designated Year 13.

(b) An applicant must have been awarded the Steiner School Certificate (SSC) level 3.

1.1.4 Year 13 of secondary school overseas (New Zealand applicants only)

An applicant who has completed the equivalent of Year 13 overseas must:

- have achieved at least 72 credits at NCEA level 2 or higher, including a minimum of 14 credits in each of three subjects from the approved subject list, and
- have satisfied the literacy and numeracy requirements for entrance from NCEA, and
- provide evidence of having studied overseas at an appropriate level (comparable to New Zealand Year 13) for no less than 20 weeks.

1.1.5 Australian high school ranking

An Australian or NZ Citizen or permanent resident who has completed study at an Australian high school must have achieved one of the following:

- ATAR rank of 69.5 or above
- OP rank of 14 or below.

1.1.6 Other international secondary or tertiary qualification

An appropriate qualification from an overseas secondary school or tertiary institution deemed by the University to be sufficient for entry into a bachelor's degree programme.

1.1.7 Approved foundation studies programme

An applicant must have successfully completed a foundation studies programme in New Zealand that has been approved by CUAP's Sub-Committee on University Entrance. Where this is a 60-point qualification, the applicant must have completed Year 13 at a New Zealand secondary school, or equivalent.

1.1.8 Approved course of study at level 3 or above at the Auckland University of Technology

An applicant must have successfully completed an approved course of study of 120 points at this University that prepares students for one or more specific degrees, or 60 points at level 4 or above when the applicant has completed Year 13 at a New Zealand secondary school, or equivalent.

1.1.9 Completion of an appropriate course of study at level 3 or above or equivalent from a recognised NZ tertiary provider

An applicant must have successfully completed an approved course of study of 120 points deemed by the University to be sufficient for entry into a bachelor's degree programme, or 60 points at level 4 or above when the applicant has completed Year 13 at a New Zealand secondary school, or equivalent.

1.2 In order to be granted Ad Eundem Statum at Entrance all applicants under Clause 1.1.3 to 1.1.9 above must have met the literacy and numeracy standards required for University Entrance, or their equivalents.

2. Ad Eundem Statum Admission with Credit or Graduate Status

2.1 An applicant who has completed degree level papers or qualifications from another New Zealand or overseas tertiary institution may be admitted ad eundem statum with credit or with graduate status.

3. In exceptional circumstances, an applicant may be considered for entry to a particular bachelor's degree who may not have fully met the criteria outlined above. In such cases, the University Entrance Advisory Group shall consider the application and advise the University Admissions Office accordingly.