

NCEA LEVEL 2 FAQ - EXTERNAL EXAMS -

What is a UEG?

An Unexpected Event Grade (UEG) is a system NZQA use when significant or serious events beyond the control of a school have the potential to impact on student teaching and learning / achievement. NZQA have invoked the UEG for schools affected by extended Covid 19 restrictions, with St Peter's falling into this category.

Each student who is enrolled in an NCEA external examination has a grade reported by the school to NZQA. This grade is called a UEG. The UEG is determined from a range of assessment sources, such as, but not limited to, trial examinations, class tests, and student-teacher discussions, where evidence is gathered against each external standard. Over the course of this year, and in particular the last few weeks of this term, teachers have been working extensively to ensure they have collected evidence for UEGs.

Is the UEG still invoked now that we are at Level 2?

Yes, the UEG invoked is irrespective of levels and changes. It acknowledges the disruption to teaching and learning that has occurred this year.

Will students get the better of the 'UEG and the exam grade'?

Yes, students are able to attain the better of the UEG or the exam grade.

For example, if a student in Maths standard 91028 gets an "Achieved in trial exams", but showed further evidence of this standard and the teacher gave them a "Merit for their UEG" - then in the exam they get an Excellence.

The student will receive Excellence for 91028.

They get the higher grade reported from UEG and exam grade. (In this case their UEG went from an Achieved to a Merit, then their exam grade was Excellence).

How do I get my UEG?

This is automatically applied. Each teacher has submitted your UEG for each external and we send this to NZQA.

Do I have to do exams?

Students are expected to attend their exam where possible unless a Covid related reason, injury or illness prevents them from attending exams.

Where a student has an external entry and NZQA holds a UEG it will be applied.

I have completed the form to not sit end of year examinations and this has been approved, does this still apply for level 2?

Yes - your reason is still valid and therefore UEG will be invoked.

I have completed the form to not sit end of year examinations and this has been approved, but now I want to sit exams, can I?

Yes - please let Mrs Patrick know if you now want to sit exams.

I am sitting an exam at a different school – what do I do?

You need to take your admission slip / school ID / wear school uniform

You will need to sign in at the reception of the school stating you are there for NZQA exams

Normal exam rules will apply

Please arrive 45min before the exam so that you get to the right place

Remember that you will not have a 'personalised paper' but do not worry, it will be entered as your paper

I have a Covid related reason as to why I don't want to attend exams – what do I do?

For a school management perspective, if you won't be attending exams due to a Covid related reason, injury or illness. Students are to complete [this form](#)

This must be completed by students as we need them to use their email log in, parents will not be able to access this form.

Jess Patrick or Lisa Smith will be in contact with parents when they receive the completed form.

What do I need to do if I can't sit my examination and my UEG is a Not Achieved and I don't want that recorded?

If a student received a result of Not Achieved from the UEG submitted by the school, this grade must be reported to NZQA as part of the unexpected event grade process as it is a valid assessment outcome.

If a student gets a NA for their UEG and does not sit the examination, it will be recorded as a Void. Therefore, this won't come up on your record of achievement.

Will the UEG still count towards course endorsement?

Yes

Will I know what my UEG is for each subject?

Yes, we will release these to the portal this week.

These will show up / are called "Derived grade" but they are your "Unexpected Event Grade".

There is no difference in the Derived Grade and the Unexpected Event Grade.

Previous years they have been different but this year DG and UEG are the same. Sorry for the confusion!

I am happy with my UEGs, do I still need to turn up to exams?

NZQA have stated that exams are not "optional", and unless you have a Covid related reason, injury or illness, you should be there.

Where a student has an external entry and NZQA holds a UEG it will be applied.

I have requested to do exams at a different school, can I still do this?

Yes, these have been approved. However, if you now want to do exams at St Peter's, please let Mrs Patrick know ASAP.

I have special assessment conditions, does the distancing of the writer still apply at level 2?

Yes, physical distancing is still a requirement at level 2.

What health and safety measures for exams?

Please see the [NZQA Health Measures](#) that we will adhere to here.
[Te Reo Maori](#) poster.

- No restrictions on the number of students in an exam room
- Gap of 1.5 meters between students in all directions when seated at desk. Distance measured from head to head.
- All supervisors of exams, must have received their first dose of covid-19 vaccine by 15 Nov. Supervisors must have covid 19 test every 7 days until fully vaccinated
- Masks are strongly encouraged
- Established cleaning regime before, between, and after exam sessions.
- Rooms and RSC will be sufficiently ventilated.
- Additional supervision and supervisors will limit themselves to supervising a section of the RSC, with limited movement between desks, and only attend to candidates with raised hands.
- Hand sanitiser will be available at the entry to exam rooms
- Vaccines are strongly encouraged but not required
- Covid tracer app or another record is to be taken when you arrive at the exam
- When entering exams, students will be at least 1 metre apart, signs on the ground will be placed to adhere to this

Learning Recognition Credits Packages:

When results are released in January, students will be able to use their student login to see how many learning recognition credits they have earned. The package reflects the attendance disruption in level 3 and 4.

We are awaiting the response package for individual students who were locked down in Auckland. This is the grey line.

All other students receive the “pre-approved” white line package.

[Attached here are packages available.](#)