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NZQA EL products and services

- NZ Certificates in English Language (NZCEL)
- NZCEL Guiding Document
- English Language unit standards
- English for Academic Purposes unit standards
- Assessment resources
- Moderation/best practice workshops



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NZ Certificates in English Language

- Nationally recognised
- For refugee, migrant and international students
- Reviewed in May 2017

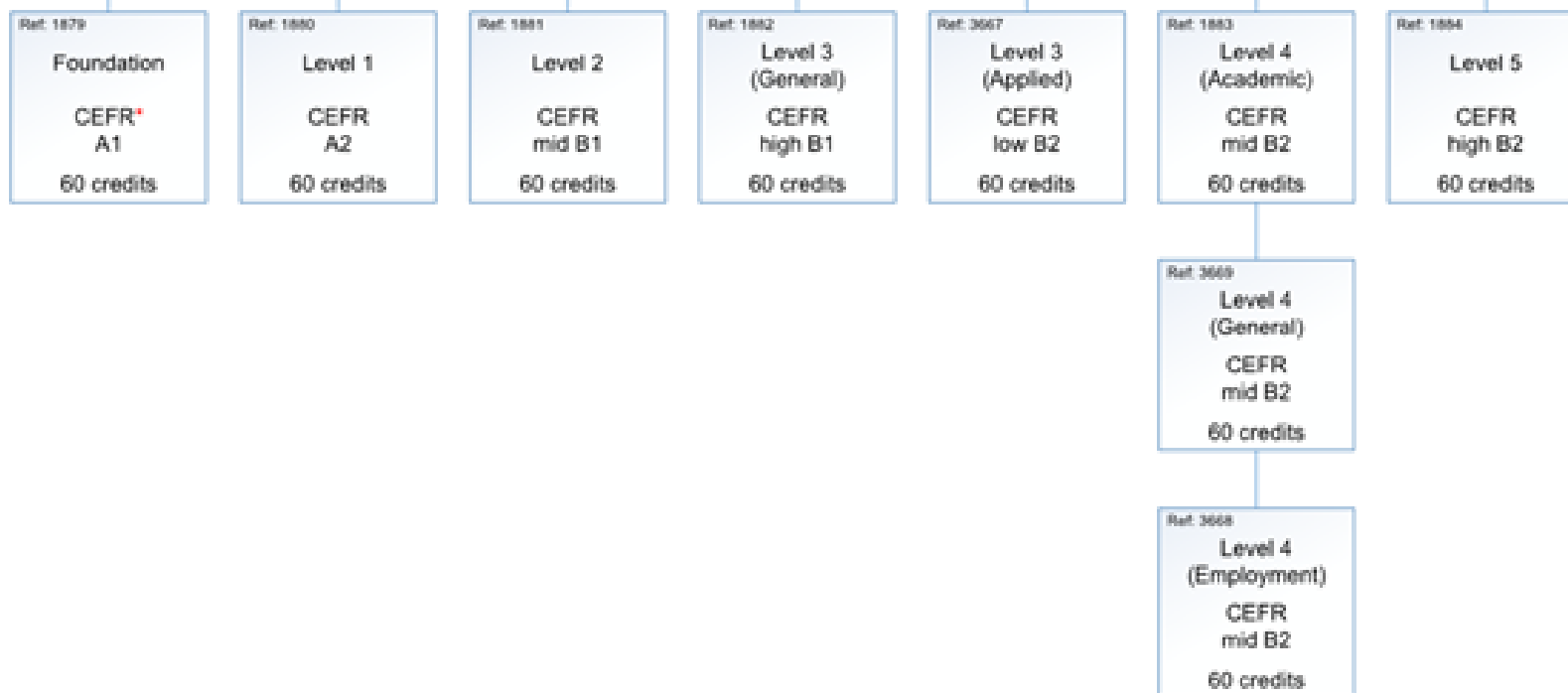


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New Zealand Certificates in English Language Landscape

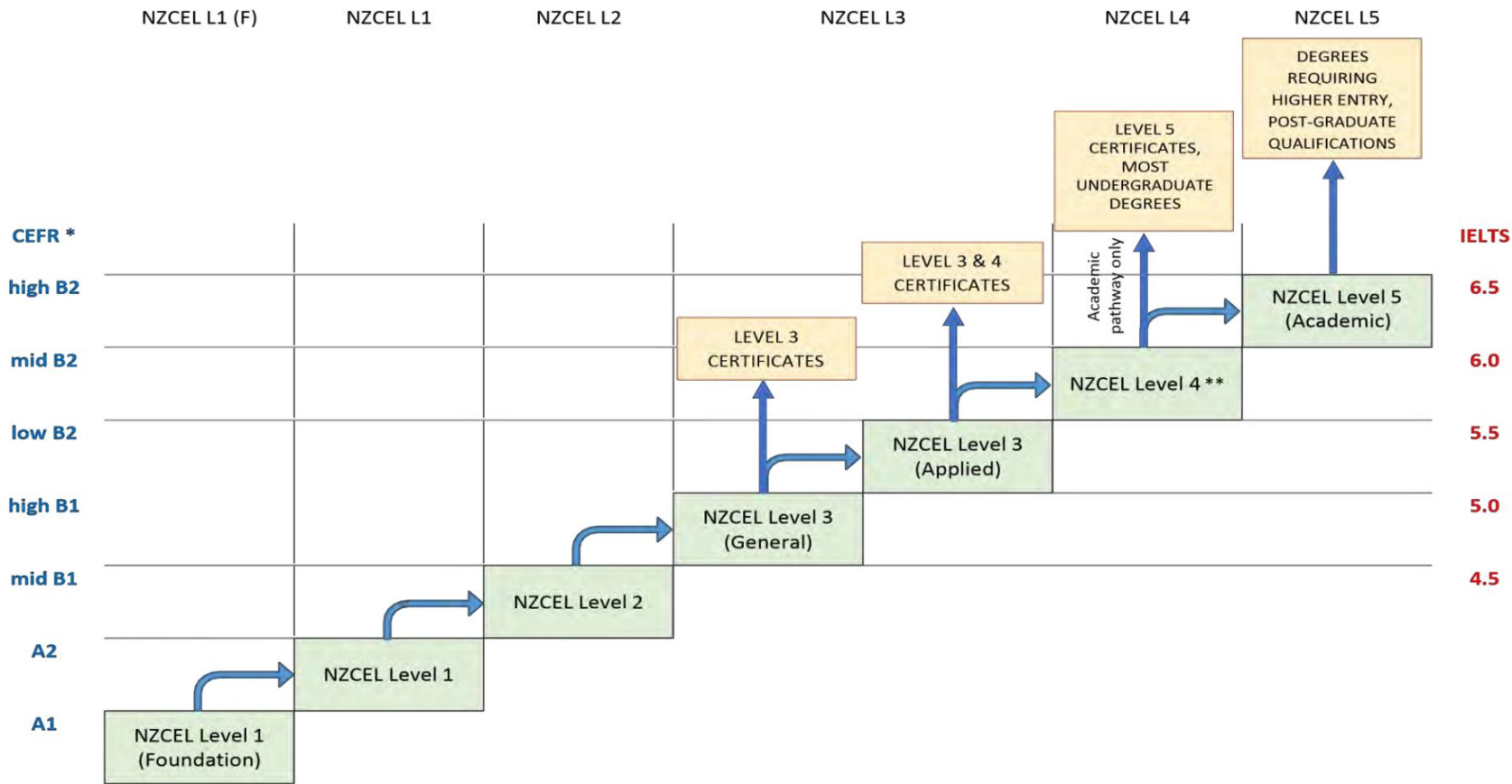


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NZ Certificates in English Language Pathways



KEY: * CEFR refers to Common European Framework of Reference
 ** NZCEL Level 4 includes 3x separate Level 4 qualifications: Academic, General and Employment



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Language requirements for mainstream study

- NZCEL Level 4 (Academic) meet the EL requirements for programmes at:
 - Level 6 certificates or programmes
 - Level 7 degree programmes
- A growing number of tertiary providers are accepting NZCEL for entry to undergraduate study.



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NZCEL Guiding Document

Purpose:

To support NZCEL providers and provide guidance on consistent assessment practice



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Guidance to support assessment

Includes:

- Assessment conditions
- Clarification of Graduate Profile Outcome terms and New General Service List vocabulary levels
- Sufficiency guidance
- Evidence of achievement options
- Language skills and control descriptors



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Understanding a unit standard

- Title
- Guidance information
- Outcomes
- Range statements
- Performance criteria



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NZCEL related standards

- English Language standards
 - aligned to NZCEL
- English for Academic Purposes standards
 - mandatory for NZCEL L4 (Academic)
 - review of current list of standards to meet UE literacy

22750: Write a crafted text

22751: Read and process information

22749: Write a text under test conditions – *also being considered as a new addition*



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Assessment support materials

These include:

- Teacher guidelines
- Student instructions and checklist
- Model text
- Assessment schedule



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Requirements for organisations wanting to deliver programmes leading to NZCEL

- **Provider Accreditation**

Provides assurance that the educational organisation is capable of delivering an approved programme

- **Programme Approval**

Provides assurance that the programme design matches the qualification outcomes and strategic purpose

- **Consistency Events**

Provides assurance that all graduates of New Zealand qualifications meet the outcomes to an equivalent, nationally acceptable standard



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Requirements for organisations wanting to assess against unit standards

- **Consent to assess**

Provides assurance that organisations have the capability and resources to assess against the assessment standards.

- **Moderation**

Provides assurance that assessment decisions for assessment standards are consistent nationally.



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Useful links

- NZCEL qualifications and NZCEL Guiding Document
<http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/qualifications-standards/qualifications/english-language-qualifications/>
- Unit standards review and development
<http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/qualifications-standards/standards/reviews-and-developments/>
- Unit standard assessment support material and resources
<http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/providers-partners/assessment-and-moderation/assessment-of-standards/assessment-support-material/>
- Internationally Recognised English Proficiency Outcomes for International Students
<http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/about-us/our-role/legislation/nzqa-rules/nzqf-related-rules/the-table/>



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Useful links

- Guidelines for applying for approval of programmes leading to New Zealand qualifications at Levels 1-6 on the NZQF and accreditation of organisations to provide approved programmes
<http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/login/online-teo-applications/online-programme-approval-application/>
- Approval, accreditation and registration
<http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/providers-partners/approval-accreditation-and-registration/>
- Assuring national consistency of graduate outcomes of New Zealand qualifications
<http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/providers-partners/consistency-grad-outcomes/>
- Consent to assess
<http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/providers-partners/approval-accreditation-and-registration/consent-to-assess/>
- Assessment and Moderation
<http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/providers-partners/assessment-and-moderation/>



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Contact

To make contact regarding the:

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- Requirements for organisations wanting to deliver programmes leading to NZCEL and/or unit standards, please email qaadmin@nzqa.govt.nz.



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