Entry to New Zealand Universities with CIE

The Common Entrance Standard is the minimum standard which must be met for admission to New Zealand universities and other undergraduate degree programmes in New Zealand. It is laid down by the New Zealand Vice-Chancellors' Committee.

Students must meet three requirements:

- General subject standard: At least three AS or A Level approved subjects Grade D or better & at least 120 UCAS points.
- Literacy standard: Grade E or better in AS English Literature or AS English Language.
- Numeracy standard: Grade D or better in IGCSE Mathematics.

CIE Cambridge International Examinations

General
AS or A level
(UCAS total for best 6 subjects 120 points)

Approved Subject 1 (D or above)

Literacy
AS Level (or above)
or

Numeracy IGCSE (or above) Approved Subject 2 (D or above)

English Literature or English Language (E or above)

Mathematics (D or above)

Approved Subject 3 (D or above) Up to 3 other subject units to complete a UCAS points total of 120

Students are strongly advised to achieve a Grade D or better in AS English. This is the Academic English Language Requirement for entry to all degrees at the University of Auckland.

Grade	% Marks	UCAS TARIFF		
		AS Level	A Level	
A*	90-100	~	140	
Α	80-100	60	120	
В	70-79	50	100	
С	60-69	40	80	
D	50-59	30	60	
Е	40-49	20	40	

IMPORTANT NOTE:

These tables represent the minimum standards required for University Entrance. Many courses and universities will require a higher standard and/or particular subjects.

CIE UCAS Tariff Calculations for Limited Entry Degree Courses:

The UCAS Tariff score is calculated using a maximum of 6 best subject units.

Scores for each grade are shown in the table above. The maximum possible score is 420.

An AS Level counts as one unit, an A Level counts as two units.

Once an AS grade has been "absorbed" into an A Level grade it is not counted separately in UCAS totals. It is possible to gain University Entrance in New Zealand with AS grades only i.e. without studying A Levels.

Examples:

Results	Level	%	Grade	UCAS
Mathematics Physics English Geography Chemistry	A AS AS AS	81 72 68 90 54	A B c a d	120 100 40 60 30

Results	Level	%	Grade	UCAS
Mathematics	AS	75	b	50
Business Studies	Α	68	С	80
Geography	AS	54	d	30
Accounting	AS	71	b	50
Graphics	AS	93	а	60
Japanese	AS	67	С	40
ESOL - NCFA Level 2	17 Credits including 5 reading, 5 writing			

UCAS TARIFF BEST 6 UNITS:

A Level Grade A 2 units 120 points A Level Grade B 2 units 100 points AS Grade c 1 unit 40 points AS Grade a 1 unit 60 points TOTAL: 6 units 320 points

UCAS TAFIFF BEST 6 UNITS:

A Le	vel Grade C	2 units	80 points
AS	Grade a	1 unit	60 points
AS	Grade b	1 unit	50 points
AS	Grade b	1 unit	50 points
AS	Grade c	1 unit	40 points
TOTAL:		6 units	280 points