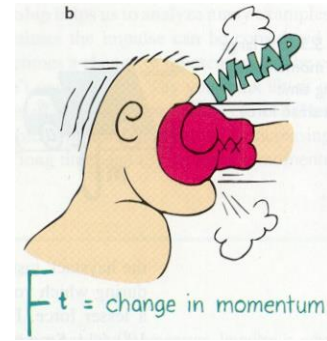


# Year 12 PHYSICS

## NCEA Level 2

### 2021



This course is based on the Physics in New Zealand Curriculum Document and is structured around 3 units of work. The textbooks used are: Year 12 Physics Study Guide, NCEA Level 2, by David Housden, published by ESA Publications (NZ) Ltd and sciPAD Level 2 Physics Workbook.

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### ***Mechanics***

- **2.4.1 Motion**  
Vectors and Scalars, Kinematic Equations, Projectile Motion
- **2.4.2 Forces**  
Newton's Laws, Circular Motion, Equilibrium
- **2.4.3 Energy and Momentum**  
Energy, Momentum

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### ***Electricity and Electromagnetism***

- **2.6.1 Electrostatics**  
Electric Field Strength
- **2.6.2 DC Current**  
Current, Voltage, Resistance, Power
- **2.6.3 Electromagnetism**  
Current and Magnetism, Lorentz Forces, Electromagnetic Induction

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### ***Wave Phenomena***

- **2.3.1 Light**  
Reflection from curved mirrors, Mirror ray diagrams, Refraction, Total internal reflection, Refraction through lenses, Lens ray diagrams.
  - **2.3.2 Mechanical waves**  
Reflection of wave fronts, Refraction of waves, Diffraction of waves, Wave interference
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**The Course offered is NCEA level 2 Physics.  
HIBS is offering five Achievement Standards.**

<b>Unit</b>	<b>Achievement Standard</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Internal /External Examination</b>	<b>Credits</b>
2.1	AS91168	Carry out a practical physics investigation that leads to a non-linear mathematical relationship	Internal	4
2.3	AS91170	Demonstrate understanding of waves	External	4
2.4	AS91171	Demonstrate understanding of mechanics	External	6
2.5	AS91172	Demonstrate understanding of atomic and nuclear physics	Internal	3
2.6	AS91173	Demonstrate understanding of electricity and electromagnetism	External	6

## Year 12 Timeline

The following units will have an internal, (non-credit), end of unit examination which will take place at the conclusion of each unit of work, and an external end of year examination.

Achievement Standard	Sub topic	Week	Internal/ External Examination
<b>2.3</b> Demonstrate understanding of waves	2.3.1	Term 3 week 3 – Term 3 week 7	External
	2.3.2		
<b>2.4</b> Demonstrate understanding of mechanics	2.4.1	Term 1 week 10 – Term 2 week 7	External
	2.4.2		
	2.4.3		
<b>2.6</b> Demonstrate understanding of electricity and electro-magnetism	2.6.1	Term 1 week 1 – Term 1 week 9	External
	2.6.2		
	2.6.3		

The internal component of the subject will be assessed as follows:

Term	Achievement Standard	Internal/External Examination	Assessment	Date
Term 3	<b>2.1</b> Carry out a practical physics investigation that leads to a non-linear mathematical relationship	Internal	3 Hour Practical Examination	<b>Week 2, Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> August NO REASSESSMENT</b>
Term 3	<b>2.5</b> Demonstrate understanding of atomic and nuclear physics	Internal	Exam	<b>Week 10, Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> September NO REASSESSMENT</b>

## 2021 Term/Week Planner and Calendar

W	Month	Date	Topic	Assessment	Assessment/Notes
1	February	1-5	Start 2.6		Thurs th February - Year 7 & 13 Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> February Full School
2	February	9-12			Waitangi Day Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>
3	February	15-19			
4	February	22-26			
5	March	1-5			
6	March	9-12			
7	March	15-19			
8	March	22-26			
9	March/April	29-1		2.6 Topic Test	
10	April	7-9	Start 2.4		
11	April	12-16			Good Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April
	April	19-23			
	April	26-30			Anzac Day holiday 27 <sup>th</sup> April
1	May	3-7			
2	May	10-14			
3	May	17-21			ToD 11 <sup>th</sup> May
4	May	24-28			
5	May/June	31-4			
6	June	8-11			Queen's Birthday 7 <sup>th</sup> June
7	June	14-18		2.4 Topic Test	
8	June	21-25	Start 2.1		
9	July	28-2			
10	July	5-9			
	July	12-16			
	July	19-23			
1	July	26-30			
2	August	2-6		2.1 Int Assessment	ToD 5 <sup>th</sup> August
3	August	9-13	Start 2.3		
4	August	16-20			
5	August	23-27			
6	August/September	30-3			
7	September	6-11		2.3 Topic Test	Tournament week
8	September	13-17	Start 2.5		
9	September	20-24			
10	September/October	27-1		2.5 Int Assessment	
	October	4-8			
	October	11-15			
1	October	18-22			IEE
2	October	26-29			Labour Day 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct
3	November	1-5			
4	November	8-12			
5	November	15-19			
6	November	22-26			
7	November/December	29-3			ToD 1 <sup>st</sup> December
8	December	6-10			

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### Achievement Standard

**Subject Reference** Physics 2.1

**Title** Carry out a practical physics investigation that leads to a non-linear mathematical relationship

**Level** 2

**Credits** 4

**Assessment** Internal

**Subfield** Science

**Domain** Physics

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This achievement standard involves carrying out a practical physics investigation that leads to a non-linear mathematical relationship.

#### Achievement Criteria

Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Carry out a practical physics investigation that leads to a non-linear mathematical relationship.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Carry out an in-depth practical physics investigation that leads to a non-linear mathematical relationship.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Carry out a comprehensive practical physics investigation that leads to a non-linear mathematical relationship.</li></ul>

#### Explanatory Notes

- This achievement standard is derived from *The New Zealand Curriculum*, Learning Media, Ministry of Education, 2007, Level 7; and is related to the material in the *Teaching and Learning Guide for Physics*, Ministry of Education, 2010 at <http://seniorsecondary.tki.org.nz>. The standard is aligned to the achievement objectives *Physical Inquiry and Physics Concepts* in the Physical World strand and *Investigating in Science* in the Nature of Science strand.

This standard is also derived from Te Marautanga o Aotearoa. For details of Te Marautanga o Aotearoa achievement objectives to which this standard relates, see the [Papa Whakaako](#) for the relevant learning area.

- 2 *Carry out a practical physics investigation* involves:
- collecting data relevant to the aim based on the manipulation of the independent variable over a reasonable range and number of values
  - drawing a graph that shows the relationship between the independent and dependent variables
  - writing a conclusion which describes the type of mathematical relationship that exists between the variables.

*Carry out an in-depth practical physics investigation* involves:

- controlling the variable(s) that could have a significant effect on the results
- using technique(s) that increase the accuracy of the measured values of the dependent (and independent, if appropriate) variable
- writing a conclusion that describes the mathematical relationship obtained from the experimental data.

*Carry out a comprehensive practical physics investigation* involves writing a discussion that addresses critical issues such as:

- a reason why there is a limit to either end of the value chosen for the independent variable
- a justification for why a variable needs to be controlled
- a description of any difficulties encountered when making measurements and how these difficulties were overcome
- the relationship between the findings and physics ideas
- a description of any unexpected results and a suggestion of how they could have been caused and/or the effect they had on the validity of the conclusion.

- 3 *A practical physics investigation* is an activity that includes gathering, processing and interpreting data.

- 4 Conditions of Assessment related to this achievement standard can be found at <http://ncea.tki.org.nz/Resources-for-Internally-Assessed-Achievement-Standards>.

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## Achievement Standard

**Subject Reference** Physics 2.3  
**Title** Demonstrate understanding of waves  
**Level** 2      **Credits** 4      **Assessment** External  
**Subfield** Science  
**Domain** Physics  
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This achievement standard involves demonstrating understanding of waves.

### Achievement Criteria

Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Demonstrate understanding of waves.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Demonstrate in-depth understanding of waves.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Demonstrate comprehensive understanding of waves.</li></ul>

### Explanatory Notes

- This achievement standard is derived from *The New Zealand Curriculum*, Learning Media, Ministry of Education, 2007, Level 7; and is related to the material in the *Teaching and Learning Guide for Physics*, Ministry of Education, 2010 at <http://seniorsecondary.tki.org.nz/>. The standard is aligned to the achievement objectives: *Physical Inquiry and Physics Concepts* in the Physical World strand and *Communicating in Science* in the Nature of Science strand.

This standard is also derived from Te Marautanga o Aotearoa. For details of Te Marautanga o Aotearoa achievement objectives to which this standard relates, see the [Papa Whakaako](#) for the relevant learning area.

- Demonstrate understanding* involves writing statements that show an awareness of how simple facets of phenomena, concepts or principles relate to a described situation.

*Demonstrate in-depth understanding* involves writing statements that give reasons why phenomena, concepts or principles relate to a described situation. For mathematical solutions, the information may not be directly usable or immediately obvious.

*Demonstrate comprehensive understanding* involves writing statements that demonstrate understanding of connections between concepts.

- Written statements include mathematical solutions and/or descriptions. Descriptions may include graphs or diagrams.
- Assessment is limited to a selection from the following:

*Light:*

- reflection in curved mirrors
- refraction through lenses
- refraction
- total internal reflection
- critical angle at a plane boundary.

*Waves:*

- reflection and refraction at a plane boundary including phase and wave parameter changes if applicable
- superposition of pulses
- diffraction through a slit
- 2-point source interference (qualitative).

*Relationships:*

$$\frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{d_o} + \frac{1}{d_i} \quad \text{or} \quad s_i s_o = f^2$$

$$m = \frac{d_i}{d_o} = \frac{h_i}{h_o} \quad \text{or} \quad m = \frac{f}{s_o} = \frac{s_i}{f}$$

$$n_1 \sin \theta_1 = n_2 \sin \theta_2 \quad \frac{n_1}{n_2} = \frac{v_2}{v_1} = \frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1}$$

$$v = f\lambda \quad f = \frac{1}{T} \quad v = \frac{d}{t}$$

- Assessment Specifications for this achievement standard can be accessed through the Physics Resources page found at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/qualifications-standards/qualifications/ncea/ncea-subject-resources/>.



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### Achievement Standard

**Subject Reference** Physics 2.4  
**Title** Demonstrate understanding of mechanics  
**Level** 2      **Credits** 6      **Assessment** External  
**Subfield** Science  
**Domain** Physics  
**Status** Registered      **Status date** 17 November 2011  
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This achievement standard involves demonstrating understanding of mechanics.

#### Achievement Criteria

Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Demonstrate understanding of mechanics.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Demonstrate in-depth understanding of mechanics.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Demonstrate comprehensive understanding of mechanics.</li></ul>

#### Explanatory Notes

6. This achievement standard is derived from *The New Zealand Curriculum*, Learning Media, Ministry of Education, 2007, Level 7; and is related to the material in the *Teaching and Learning Guide for Physics*, Ministry of Education, 2010 at <http://seniorsecondary.tki.org.nz>. The standard is aligned to the achievement objectives *Physical Inquiry and Physics Concepts* in the Physical World strand and *Communicating in Science* in the Nature of Science strand.

This standard is also derived from Te Marautanga o Aotearoa. For details of Te Marautanga o Aotearoa achievement objectives to which this standard relates, see the [Papa Whakaako](#) for the relevant learning area.

7. *Demonstrate understanding* involves writing statements that show an awareness of how simple facets of phenomena, concepts or principles relate to a described situation.

*Demonstrate in-depth understanding* involves writing statements that give reasons why phenomena, concepts or principles relate to a described situation. For mathematical solutions, the information may not be directly usable or immediately obvious.

*Demonstrate comprehensive understanding* involves writing statements that demonstrate understanding of connections between concepts.

8. Written statements include mathematical solutions and/or descriptions. Descriptions may include graphs or diagrams.
9. Assessment is limited to a selection from the following:

*Motion:*

- constant acceleration in a straight line
- free fall under gravity
- projectile motion
- circular motion (constant speed with one force only providing centripetal force).

*Force:*

- force components
- vector addition of forces
- unbalanced force and acceleration
- equilibrium (balanced forces and torques)
- centripetal force
- force and extension of a spring.

*Momentum and Energy:*

- momentum
- change in momentum in one dimension and impulse
- impulse and force
- conservation of momentum in one dimension
- work
- power and conservation of energy
- elastic potential energy.

Relationships:

$$v = \frac{\Delta d}{\Delta t}$$

$$a = \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t}$$

$$v_f = v_i + at$$

$$d = v_i t + \frac{1}{2} at^2$$

$$d = \frac{v_i + v_f}{2} t$$

$$v_f^2 = v_i^2 + 2ad$$

$$a_c = \frac{v^2}{r}$$

$$p = mv$$

$$\Delta p = F \Delta t$$

$$E_p = \frac{1}{2} kx^2$$

$$E_k = \frac{1}{2} mv^2$$

$$\Delta E_p = mg \Delta h$$

$$W = Fd$$

$$P = \frac{W}{t}$$

$$F = ma$$

$$\tau = Fd$$

$$F = -kx$$

$$F_c = \frac{mv^2}{r}$$

10. Assessment Specifications for this achievement standard can be accessed through the Physics Resources page found at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/qualifications-standards/qualifications/ncea/ncea-subject-resources/>.

**Number** AS91172      **Version** 2

## Achievement Standard

**Subject Reference**

Physics 2.5

**Title**

Demonstrate understanding of atomic and nuclear physics

**Level** 2

**Credits** 3

**Assessment** Internal

**Subfield** Science

**Domain** Physics

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This achievement standard involves demonstrating understanding of atomic and nuclear physics.

### Achievement Criteria

Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Demonstrate understanding of atomic and nuclear physics.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Demonstrate in-depth understanding of atomic and nuclear physics.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Demonstrate comprehensive understanding of atomic and nuclear physics.</li></ul>

### Explanatory Notes

- This achievement standard is derived from *The New Zealand Curriculum*, Learning Media, Ministry of Education, 2007, Level 7; and is related to the material in the *Teaching and Learning Guide for Physics*, Ministry of Education, 2010 at <http://seniorsecondary.tki.org.nz>. The standard is aligned to the achievement objectives *Physical Inquiry and Physics Concepts* in the Physical World strand and *Communicating in Science* in the Nature of Science strand.

This standard is also derived from Te Marautanga o Aotearoa. For details of Te Marautanga o Aotearoa achievement objectives to which this standard relates, see the [Papa Whakaako](#) for the relevant learning area.

2 *Demonstrate understanding* involves writing statements that show an awareness of how simple facets of phenomena, concepts or principles relate to a described situation.

*Demonstrate in-depth understanding* involves writing statements that give reasons why phenomena, concepts or principles relate to a described situation. For mathematical solutions, the information may not be directly usable or immediately obvious.

*Demonstrate comprehensive understanding* involves writing statements that demonstrate understanding of connections between concepts.

3 Written statements include mathematical solutions and/or descriptions. Descriptions may include graphs or diagrams.

4 Assessment typically includes:

- models of the atom (Thomson and Rutherford), gold foil experiment
- nuclear transformations: radioactive decay (half life), fission and fusion reactions
- conservation of atomic and mass number
- products of nuclear transformation: power generation,  $E = mc^2$ ,  $P = E/t$ , properties of nuclear emissions (ionising ability, penetration ability).

5 Conditions of Assessment related to this achievement standard can be found at <http://ncea.tki.org.nz/Resources-for-Internally-Assessed-Achievement-Standards>.

**Number** AS91173      **Version** 2

## Achievement Standard

**Subject Reference** Physics 2.6  
**Title** Demonstrate understanding of electricity and electromagnetism  
**Level** 2      **Credits** 6      **Assessment** External  
**Subfield** Science  
**Domain** Physics  
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This achievement standard involves demonstrating understanding of electricity and electromagnetism.

### Achievement Criteria

Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Demonstrate understanding of electricity and electromagnetism.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Demonstrate in-depth understanding of electricity and electromagnetism.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Demonstrate comprehensive understanding of electricity and electromagnetism.</li></ul>

### Explanatory Notes

2. This achievement standard is derived from *The New Zealand Curriculum*, Learning Media, Ministry of Education, 2007, Level 7; and is related to the material in the *Teaching and Learning Guide for Physics*, Ministry of Education, 2010 at <http://seniorsecondary.tki.org.nz>. The standard is aligned to the achievement objectives *Physical Inquiry and Physics Concepts* in the Physical World strand and *Communicating in Science* in the Nature of Science strand.

This standard is also derived from Te Marautanga o Aotearoa. For details of Te Marautanga o Aotearoa achievement objectives to which this standard relates, see the [Papa Whakaako](#) for the relevant learning area.

2. *Demonstrate understanding* involves writing statements that show an awareness of how simple facets of phenomena, concepts or principles relate to a described situation.

*Demonstrate in-depth understanding* involves writing statements that give reasons why phenomena, concepts or principles relate to a described situation. For mathematical solutions, the information may not be directly usable or immediately obvious.

*Demonstrate comprehensive understanding* involves writing statements that demonstrate understanding of connections between concepts.

- Written statements include mathematical solutions and/or descriptions. Descriptions may include graphs or diagrams.
- Assessment is limited to a selection from the following:

*Static Electricity:*

- uniform electric field
- electric field strength
- force on a charge in an electric field
- electric potential energy
- work done on a charge moving in an electric field.

*DC Electricity:*

- parallel circuits with resistive component(s) in series with the source
- circuit diagrams
- voltage
- current
- resistance
- energy
- power.

*Electromagnetism:*

- force on a current carrying conductor in a magnetic field
- force on charged particles moving in a magnetic field
- induced voltage generated across a straight conductor moving in a uniform magnetic field.

*Relationships:*

$$E = \frac{V}{d} \quad F = Eq \quad \Delta E_p = Eqd \quad E_k = \frac{1}{2} mv^2$$

$$F = BIL \quad F = Bqv \quad V = BvL$$

$$I = \frac{q}{t} \quad V = \frac{\Delta E}{q} \quad V = IR \quad P = IV \quad P = \frac{\Delta E}{t}$$

$$R_T = R_1 + R_2 + \dots \quad \frac{1}{R_T} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \dots$$

- Assessment Specifications for this achievement standard can be accessed through the Physics Resources page found at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/qualifications-standards/qualifications/ncea/ncea-subject-resources/>.