

Achievement Standard

Subject Reference New Zealand Sign Language 1.3

Title Demonstrate understanding of New Zealand Sign Language related to everyday contexts

Level 1 **Credits** 5 **Assessment** External

Subfield Languages

Domain New Zealand Sign Language

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Purpose Statement

Students are able to demonstrate understanding of New Zealand Sign Language related to everyday contexts.

Achievement Criteria

Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Demonstrate understanding of New Zealand Sign Language related to everyday contexts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Demonstrate sound understanding of New Zealand Sign Language related to everyday contexts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Demonstrate thorough understanding of New Zealand Sign Language related to everyday contexts

Explanatory Notes

1 *Demonstrate understanding of New Zealand Sign Language related to everyday contexts* involves:

- identifying the meaning of relevant aspects of information, ideas, and opinions
- communicating understanding despite inconsistencies.

Demonstrate sound understanding of New Zealand Sign Language related to everyday contexts involves:

- connecting the meaning of relevant aspects of information, ideas, and opinions with supporting detail
- communicating understanding that is not significantly hindered by inconsistencies.

Demonstrate thorough understanding of New Zealand Sign Language related to everyday contexts involves:

- interpreting the meaning from a comprehensive selection of relevant information, ideas, and opinions with precision
- communicating understanding that is not hindered by inconsistencies.

- 2 *Everyday contexts* relate to events or experiences that are familiar and relevant to the student.

Examples include:

- school
- family
- hobbies
- holidays.

- 3 *Identifying meaning, connecting meaning, and interpreting meaning* all involve applying knowledge of New Zealand Sign Language vocabulary, grammar, and cultural references to understand the context, audience, and purpose of the language.

- 4 When demonstrating understanding of New Zealand Sign Language, *inconsistencies* are points of misunderstanding, omission, or addition which impact the overall meaning or clarity of response.

Examples include:

- misunderstanding or misrepresenting information
- drawing conclusions based on partial evidence
- information that is not linked to the source material.

- 5 This achievement standard is intended to assess students who are acquiring skill in New Zealand Sign Language. The level it describes is designed to be accessible to those who only begin formal study of the language in junior secondary school.

- 6 Refer to the NCEA [glossary](#) for Māori, Pacific, and further subject-specific terms and concepts.

- 7 This achievement standard is derived from the Learning Languages Learning Area at Level 6 of *The New Zealand Curriculum*: Learning Media, Ministry of Education.

Quality Assurance

- 1 Schools and institutions must have been granted consent to assess by NZQA before they can register credits from assessment against achievement standards.
- 2 Schools and institutions with consent to assess must engage with the moderation system that applies to those achievement standards.

Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference

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