

TO: Organisations with NZQA accreditation for Health Studies and/or Natural and Traditional Health and Healing.

**ATTENTION: CEOs
Academic Managers
Heads of Department
Tutors**

**cc: NZQA Course Approvals
NZQA Provider Registration and Accreditation.
Tertiary Education Commission
ITPQNZ**

Exit from Standard Setting Responsibility – Health Studies and Natural and Traditional Health and Healing

Deregistration has been completed for the standards and qualifications in the subfields Health Studies and Natural and Traditional Health and Healing, where National Qualifications Services (NQS) team was the standard-setting body

This includes standards within the following domains:

SubField – Natural and Traditional Health and Healing
Domain:

- Acupuncture
- Aromatherapy
- Complementary therapies
- Heller work
- Hypnotherapy
- Kinesiology
- Massage
- Muscle skeletal therapy
- Naturopathy
- Reflexology
- Remedial body therapy
- Herbal medicine
- Homeopathy

SubField – Health Studies

Domain:

- Sexual and reproductive health

- Core health (excluding the first aid standards)

NQS will remain the standard-setter for the First Aid and Cervical Screening unit standards shown below.

First Aid

- 6400 - Level 3 - 2 credits - *Manage first aid in emergency situations*
- 6401 - Level 2 - 1 credit - *Provide first aid*
- 6402 - Level 1 - 1 credit - *Provide resuscitation level 2*

Note: unit standards 6400 – 6402 are also currently being reviewed.

Cervical Screening

- 1098 - Level 7 - 7credits - *Perform cervical screening and cervical smear taking*

The application for deregistration was submitted to NZQA Framework Registration in late 2007. The application has now been quality assured and the review report has been published on the NZQA website. This can be accessed at:

<http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/updates/summary-page.do?data=summary-2008-03.xml>

Transition Period

A four year transition period for these standards has been set. This means the final date for award of the unit standards and qualifications categorized for deregistration is December 2012.

The purpose of the transition period is to enable currently enrolled students to complete their qualification within a reasonable timeframe. During the transition period, accredited organisations may continue to assess currently enrolled students against the “expiring” unit standards. New students may only be enrolled in programmes using these standards if the organisation can guarantee that the relevant qualification can be completed before the standards expire. Once the standards have expired, they are no longer available for assessment purposes.

No new accreditation applications will be accepted for standards designated as “expiring”.

Should providers wish to continue running quality assured courses in Natural and Traditional Health and Healing or Health Studies, they will need to apply to their quality assurance body to have their own locally developed qualification(s) registered on the NZ Register of Quality Assured Qualifications. This may involve approval and accreditation of a new non-unit standards-based course, or approval of changes to an existing approved course.

Providers should seek advice from the Tertiary Education Commission (TEC) in regard to any possible funding implications associated with these changes.

Enquiries

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