

**TO: Organisations with NZQA accreditation for
Electronic Media unit standards and qualifications**

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

**cc: NZQA Course Approvals
NZQA Provider Registration and Accreditation.
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Exit from Standard Setting Responsibility – Electronic Media

Expiry has been completed for the standards and qualifications in the subfield Electronic Media, where the New Zealand Qualifications Authority's (NZQA) National Qualifications Services (NQS) team was the standard-setting body.

This includes all standards within the following domains:

- Radio
- Electronic Multimedia
- Computer-Generated Imagery

The application for expiry was submitted to NZQA Framework Registration in early 2009. 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/nqfdocs/summaries/2009/mar09/revsummar09-23.html>

Transition Periods

A two-year transition period has been set for unit standards and qualifications in domains Radio and Electronic Multimedia. This means the final date for award of the unit standards and qualifications is 31 December 2010.

A five-year transition period has been set for unit standards and qualifications in domain Computer-Generated Imagery. This means the final date for award of the unit standards and qualification is 31 December 2013.

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 Electronic Media once the transition period has passed, 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

For any enquiries regarding this circular, please email: nqs@nzqa.govt.nz