

National Certificate in Diversional Therapy (Level 4)

Level	4
Credits	86

This qualification has been **reviewed**. The last date to meet the requirements is 31 December 2019.

Transition Arrangements

This qualification has been reviewed and replaced by New Zealand Certificate in Health and Wellbeing (Social and Community Services) (Level 4) with strands in Community Facilitation, Community Health Work, Mental Health and Addiction Support, and Social Services [Ref: 2992].

The last date for entry into programmes leading to this qualification is 31 December 2017.

The last date for assessment of this qualification is 31 December 2019 when the qualification will be discontinued.

People currently working towards this qualification may either complete the requirements by 31 December 2019 or transfer their results to the replacement qualification. For detailed information see [Review Summaries](#) on the NZQA website.

Earlier versions of this qualification contained an expiring unit standard for which a replacement unit standard has now been registered. For the purposes of this qualification, people who have gained credit for the replacement unit standard are exempt from the requirement to gain credit for the expiring unit standard.

Credit for	Exempt from
23380	28543

NZQF National Qualification Registration Information

Process	Version	Date	Last Date for Assessment
Registration	1	February 2000	September 2000
Revision	2	July 2000	December 2011
Revision	3	February 2003	December 2011
Revision	4	January 2006	December 2011
Review	5	May 2009	December 2014
Revision	6	August 2013	December 2019
Review	7	November 2015	December 2019

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Purpose

The National Certificate in Diversional Therapy (Level 4) [Ref: 0727] is designed for people working as diversional therapists (also known as activities officers) in a community, residential home, or hospital setting.

Diversional therapy is defined as a professional practice which recognises and facilitates purposeful recreational, leisure, and pleasure activities for individual consumers. The diversional therapist focuses on choices made by consumers, with the aim of enhancing their independence and physical, intellectual, spiritual, and emotional wellbeing in a supportive environment.

Holders of this qualification will be able to demonstrate knowledge of the philosophy, purpose, and benefits of diversional therapy; the role of the diversional therapist; and the application of principles of quality assurance to diversional therapy practice.

This qualification recognises the skills required to: develop, implement, evaluate, and adapt diversional therapy careplans for individuals, groups, people with identified health conditions, and people experiencing grief and loss; develop a diversional therapy resource manual, identify safety concerns, assess risk, and develop appropriate risk management strategies; and provide support to people, in particular people living with dementia and/or exhibiting challenging behaviour patterns, in a person-centred, culturally appropriate manner.

This qualification forms part of an integrated pathway of progressive knowledge and skills acquisition. The pathway begins with the National Certificate in Health, Disability, and Aged Support (Foundation Skills) (Level 2) [Ref: 1291], which leads to the National Certificate in Health, Disability, and Aged Support (Core Competencies) (Level 3) [Ref: 1327], the prerequisite for award of this qualification. Candidates may choose to work towards the National Certificate in Health, Disability, and Aged Support (Core Competencies) (Level 3) [Ref: 1327] at the same time as this qualification.

Replacement Information

This qualification replaced the National Certificate in Diversional Therapy (Level 3) [Ref: 0200].

Credit Range

	Compulsory	Elective
Level 3 credits	29	4-5
Level 4 credits	50	-
Level 5 credits	4	-
Minimum Total	83	4

Requirements for Award of Qualification

Award of NZQF National Qualifications

Credit gained for a standard may be used only once to meet the requirements of this qualification.

Unit standards and achievement standards that are equivalent in outcome are mutually exclusive for the purpose of award. The table of mutually exclusive standards is provided on the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) website: <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/qualifications-standards/standards/standards-exclusion-list/>.

Reviewed standards that continue to recognise the same overall outcome are registered as new versions and retain their identification number (ID). Any version of a standard with the same ID may be used to meet qualification requirements that list the ID and/or that specify the past or current classification of the standard.

Summary of Requirements

- Prior award of National Certificate in Health, Disability, and Aged Support (Core Competencies) (Level 3) [Ref: 1327]
- Compulsory standards
- Elective - a minimum of one standard as specified

Detailed Requirements

Compulsory

The following standards are required

Community and Social Services > Community Support > Diversional Therapy

ID	Title	Level	Credit
5786	Develop, implement, evaluate, and adapt personal diversional therapy care plans	4	5
5788	Develop, implement, evaluate, and adapt diversional therapy group care plans	4	8
5789	Identify, implement, evaluate, and adapt diversional therapy activities for people with identified health conditions	5	4
5791	Identify safety concerns, assess risk, and develop strategies to ensure safety in a diversional therapy setting	4	5
5792	Develop, implement, evaluate, and adapt a diversional therapy care plan for a person experiencing grief and loss	4	3
5795	Describe and apply the principles of quality assurance to diversional therapy practice	4	4
23918	Describe the philosophy, purpose, and benefits of diversional therapy, and the role and skills of diversional therapists	3	4
25770	Research support services for diversional therapists and collate into a resource manual	3	3

Community and Social Services > Community Support > Human Services

ID	Title	Level	Credit
16870	Demonstrate knowledge of causes and associated conditions related to intellectual disability	3	3
16874	Demonstrate an ability to support a person with a communication impairment	4	5
23375	Demonstrate knowledge of hearing impairment	3	3

Community and Social Services > Health, Disability, and Aged Support > Community Support Services

ID	Title	Level	Credit
23385	Describe self-advocacy and support a self-advocacy process in a health or disability setting	3	3
23388	Provide support to a person whose behaviour presents challenges in a health or disability setting	3	4

Community and Social Services > Health, Disability, and Aged Support > Health and Disability Principles in Practice

ID	Title	Level	Credit
28543	Describe culturally safe Māori operating principles and values, and their application in a health or wellbeing setting	3	5

Community and Social Services > Health, Disability, and Aged Support > Older Persons' Health and Wellbeing

ID	Title	Level	Credit
23920	Demonstrate knowledge of dementia, person-centred care, and communication for a person living with dementia	4	6
23921	Provide person-centred care when supporting a person living with dementia	4	6
23922	Demonstrate knowledge of effects of dementia and how to manage them, for those caring for a person living with dementia	4	4
23923	Demonstrate knowledge of support for people living with dementia when their behaviour presents challenges	4	4

Humanities > Communication Skills > Writing

ID	Title	Level	Credit
1279	Write in plain English	3	3

Elective

A minimum of 1 standard

Community and Social Services > Health, Disability, and Aged Support > Community Support Services

ID	Title	Level	Credit
26977	Move a person using equipment and care for equipment in a health, disability, or aged care context	3	4
27833	Support people to use assistive equipment and move in a health, disability, or aged care context	3	5

Transition Arrangements

Version 6

Version 6 was issued following the review of standard 5012, which resulted in this standard being designated expiring.

Changes to structure and content

- Unit standard 5012 was removed from the Compulsory section.
- An Elective section was added.
- The credits required to complete the qualification were amended.

For detailed information see [Review Summaries](#) on the NZQA website.

People currently working towards version 5 of this qualification may either complete the requirements for that version or transfer their results to this version of the qualification.

Those who choose to complete version 5 need to be aware that the last date for assessment for standard 5012 is 31 December 2014. Candidates will need to have achieved credit for the expiring standard before that date.

This qualification contains standards that replace earlier standards. For the purposes of this qualification, people who have gained credit for the expiring standards are exempt from the requirement to gain credit for the replacement standards – see table below.

Credit for	Exempt from
1823	16870
1842, 1843	16874
5012	27833
5785	23918
5787	25770
17029	23920, 23921
23380	28543

Anyone who feels they have been disadvantaged by these transition arrangements should contact the Community Support Services ITO Limited at the address below.

Previous versions of the qualification

Version 5 was issued following the review of the Diversional Therapy standards and to ensure the qualification continued to meet industry needs. Changes to structure and content: the National Certificate in Community Support Services (Core Competencies) (Level 3) [Ref: 1327] has been specified as a prerequisite qualification for entry; standards 1277, 1307, 1834, 2780, 5015, 5019, 5020, 6400, 6401, 6402, 7926, 9677, 12349, 12355, 16816, 16817, and 16873 have been removed; standard 17029 has been replaced by standards 23920 and 23921, standard 5787 has been removed and replaced by standard 25770, and standard 5785 has been replaced by standard 23918; standard 23375 has been substituted for standard 1821; standards 23380, 23385, 23388, 23922, and 23923 have been added.

Version 4 was issued in order to reflect current formatting requirements and update the title of reviewed standard 7926.

Version 3 was issued to update the listings to reflect the outcome of the standards' review, record an increase in the minimum number of credits required for the qualification, and correct an error in the prerequisite diagram.

Version 2 was issued to include credit exemptions for standards 503, 545, and 5796 in the transition table.

Version 1 was issued to replace the National Certificate in Diversional Therapy (Level 3) [Ref: 0200].

Other standard setting bodies whose standards are included in the qualification

NZQA

Certification

The certificate will display the logos of NZQA, the Community Support Services Industry Training Organisation Ltd and the organisation that has been granted consent to assess against standards that meet the requirements of the qualification (accredited).

Classification

This qualification is classified according to the classification system listed on the Directory of Assessment Standards (DAS) and the New Zealand Standard Classification of Education (NZSCED) system as specified below.

DAS Classification		NZSCED	
Code	Description	Code	Description
2205	Community and Social Services > Health, Disability, and Aged Support > Diversional Therapy	090511	Society and Culture > Human Welfare Studies and Services > Community Client Care

Quality Management Systems

Providers and Industry Training Organisations must be granted consent to assess by a recognised Quality Assurance Body before they can register credits from assessment against standards. Organisation with consent to assess and Industry Training Organisations assessing against standards must engage with the moderation system that applies to those standards. Consent to assess requirements and the moderation system are outlined in the associated Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) for each standard.

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