

Title	Write a crafted text using researched material in English for an academic purpose		
Level	4	Credits	6

Purpose	<p>People credited with this unit standard are able to write a crafted text using researched material in English for an academic purpose.</p> <p>English for Academic Purposes unit standards are designed to assess a learner's readiness to study at undergraduate level.</p>
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Classification	Languages > English for Academic Purposes
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

- 1 This unit standard is one of a suite of five English for Academic Purposes Level 4 standards. It contributes to the New Zealand Certificate in English Language (Academic) (Level 4) [Ref: 1883].
- 2 This unit standard is at a level informed by the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR). A structured overview of all CEFR related scales can be found at <http://www.coe.int/en/web/portfolio/overview-of-cefr-related-scales>.
- 3 The requirements of this standard are consistent with the [NZCEL Supporting Document](#). This document includes guidelines relating to the level as informed by the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) and promotes consistent assessment practice.
- 4 It is recommended that assessment against this unit standard is conducted in conjunction with assessment against other Level 4 English for Academic Purposes unit standards. Assessment may occur in conjunction with study and assessment in other learning areas.
- 5 Learners are required to write one text of at least 800 words.
- 6 Writing must be in response to a research question agreed previously between the teacher and the learner which may include but is not limited to – comparing, contrasting, problem solving, explaining cause and effect and presenting an argument. Resource material used by the learner must be supplied with the submission for external moderation purposes. All resource material used must be in the English language.

- 7 Learners' writing competence must be assessed after they have been given the opportunity to edit and proofread their work. At the planning stage and between drafts, teachers can advise learners that their writing may need further work on ideas, language, structure, or accuracy in spelling and punctuation, but should not correct errors. Assessor guidance must not compromise authenticity.
- 8 Learner's writing may contain inaccuracies in surface features, but these must not impede meaning.
- 9 The assessor must be satisfied that the learner can independently demonstrate competency against the unit standard.
- 10 Assessment support material for English for Academic Purposes unit standards can be found at <https://www2.nzqa.govt.nz/qualifications-and-standards/assessment-support-materials/english-for-academic-purposes/>.
- 11 Guidelines for preparing submissions for moderation can be found at <https://www2.nzqa.govt.nz/tertiary/assessment-and-moderation-of-standards/external-moderation-application/>.
- 12 Definitions
- Appropriately* refers to writing that addresses the topic in a manner suitable for the intended audience and academic purpose.
- Broad knowledge base* means learners must have drawn upon a sufficient range of source materials at a level of complexity appropriate for learners preparing for university entrance.
- Cohesive devices* refer to how ideas are linked between and within paragraphs using conjunctions, connectives, and pronoun reference.
- Crafted text* refers to an academic writing task, such as – essay, paper, report.
- Formal writing style* refers to lexical and grammatical features, and variety of sentence structures common in academic writing. It does not usually contain slang, colloquialisms, contractions.
- Ideas are developed* refers to the skills of clarifying and expanding upon ideas, and drawing conclusions e.g., incorporation of theoretical concepts, analytical interpretation, making informed judgments.
- Surface features* refers to grammatical accuracy, lexical forms, punctuation and spelling.
- Well organised* refers to logical paragraphing and cohesive devices, ensuring clear and coherent flow.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Write a crafted text using researched material in English for an academic purpose.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 The research question is addressed appropriately.
- 1.2 Ideas are developed and supported by a broad knowledge base.

1.3 The text is written in a well organised, clear and coherent manner.

1.4 A formal writing style appropriate to the academic context is used.

1.5 Source material is integrated and acknowledged within the text.

Range may include but is not limited to – paraphrasing, summary, synthesis; direct quotation, citation.

1.6 Reference list is provided.

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This CMR can be accessed at <https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>

Comments on this unit standard

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