

<b>Title</b>	<b>Transport a deceased person in a healthcare facility</b>		
<b>Level</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>5</b>

<b>Purpose</b>	<p>This unit standard is for people who are working as orderlies in a healthcare facility.</p> <p>People credited with this unit standard are able to: describe procedures for transporting a deceased person, and cultural considerations concerning death; and transport a deceased person, in a healthcare facility.</p>
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<b>Classification</b>	Health, Disability, and Aged Support > Health and Disability Principles in Practice
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<b>Available grade</b>	Achieved
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### Guidance Information

- 1 Legislation and codes relevant to this unit standard include but are not limited to:
  - Births, Deaths, Marriages, and Relationships Registration Act 1995;
  - Burial and Cremation Act 1964;
  - Coroners Act 2006;
  - Cremation Regulations 1973;
  - Health and Disability Commissioner (Code of Health and Disability Services Consumers' Rights) Regulations 1996 (the Code);
  - Health and Disability Services (Safety) Act 2001;
  - Health Information Privacy Code 1994;
  - Human Tissue Act 2008;
  - New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act 2000.
- 2 New Zealand Standard relevant to this unit standard:  
 NZS 8134.1:2008 *Health and disability services (core) Standards*. Available at: <https://www.standards.govt.nz/sponsored-standards/health-care-services-standards/>.
- 3 References:
  - Bay Navigator. (2017). *Regional Māori Health Services Tikanga Best Practice Document*. Tauranga: Bay of Plenty District Health Board. Available at: <https://baynav.bopdhb.govt.nz/regional-maori-health-services/information-resources/>;
  - Māori Pacific Ethnic Services, New Zealand Police. (2009). *A practical reference to religious diversity*. (2nd ed.). Available at: <https://www.police.govt.nz/about-us/publication/practical-reference-religious-diversity>;

- Te Puni Kōkiri. (1999). *Hauora o te tinana me ōna tikanga: A guide for the removal, retention, return and disposal of Māori body parts and organ donation: Service providers*. Wellington: Te Puni Kōkiri - Ministry of Māori Development.

- 4 Candidates' practice must reflect appropriate values, processes, and protocols in relation to working with Māori and Pacific peoples and/or people from other cultures, in a range of settings and environments.
- 5 The terms 'respect for the deceased person', and 'respect for the deceased person's culture' should be interpreted in relation to the Code and s 18 of the Human Tissue Act 2008. Legally, the Code only covers living people, but this unit standard requires that candidates act in accordance with the Code's statements of consumers' rights when receiving and transferring a deceased person, and in their interactions with the deceased person's family/whānau.

Similarly, the Human Tissue Act 2008, s 18, requires that a '*person collecting or using human tissue [which can include a whole human body] must take into account, so far as they are known to the person based on information available to the person in the circumstances, the cultural and spiritual needs, values, and beliefs of the immediate family of the individual whose tissue is collected or used*'. Whilst an orderly neither 'collects' nor 'uses' human tissues, this unit standard requires that an orderly complies with the same standard established by s 18 of the Act when receiving and transferring a deceased person.

## 6 Definitions

*Culture* – the totality of socially transmitted beliefs, values, customs, behaviour patterns and/or practices, together with all other products of human work and thought that are common to – or characteristic of – a particular group or community. The concept of culture may reflect factors and indicators such as: age, ethnicity, disability, gender, occupation, organisational background, immigrant or refugee status, institutional care, religion or spiritual beliefs, sexual orientation, and socio-economic status.

*Orderlies* – people employed in a healthcare facility who undertake a variety of assistive and support tasks that do not involve the medical treatment of clients.

*Organisational policies and procedures* – policies, procedures, and methodologies of an organisation. They include legislative and regulatory requirements which may apply across a company, a specific site, or a workplace. Requirements are documented in the company's health and safety plans, contract work programmes, quality assurance programmes, policies, and procedural documents.

*Transport* – the uplifting of a deceased person from one area of the healthcare facility to be taken to another area of the same facility.

- 7 Evidence for the practical components of this unit standard must be gathered in the workplace.

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## Outcomes and performance criteria

### Outcome 1

Describe procedures for transporting a deceased person in a healthcare facility.

**Performance criteria**

- 1.1 Procedures for transporting a deceased person are described in terms of organisational policies and procedures.

**Outcome 2**

Describe cultural considerations concerning death in a healthcare facility.

Range evidence is required of three cultures including Māori.

**Performance criteria**

- 2.1 Cultural beliefs and practices related to death are described in terms of how they impact on practices in a healthcare facility.

**Outcome 3**

Transport a deceased person in a healthcare facility.

Range evidence is required of two transports.

**Performance criteria**

- 3.1 The transport is completed in accordance with organisational policies and procedures.
- 3.2 The transport is completed in a manner that maintains respect for the deceased person and their culture (where known).

<b>Replacement information</b>	This unit standard replaced unit standard 27313.
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