Achievement Standard

Subject Reference  Physics 1.1
Title  Carry out a practical physics investigation that leads to a linear mathematical relationship, with direction
Level  1  Credits  4  Assessment  Internal
Subfield  Science  Domain  Physics
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This achievement standard involves carrying out a practical physics investigation that requires the graphical representation and mathematical description of a linear relationship, with direction.

Achievement Criteria

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Explanatory Notes


This standard is also derived from Te Marautanga o Aotearoa. For details of Te Marautanga o Aotearoa achievement objectives to which this standard relates, see the Papa Whakaako.

*With direction* means that general instructions for the investigation will be specified in writing and direction will be given in the form of a purpose, an outline of the method, and the equipment and/or materials from which to choose. A template or suitable format for planning the investigation will be provided for the student to use.

A *practical investigation* is an activity that includes collecting, processing and interpreting data. The investigation must lead to a linear mathematical relationship.

**Carry out a practical physics investigation** involves:
- developing a method for collecting the data
- collecting primary data, with units, relevant to the purpose, based on the manipulation of the independent variable over a reasonable range and number of values
- drawing a graph, based on the data
- writing a conclusion that links the processed data to the identified trend on the graph.

**Carry out an in-depth practical physics investigation** involves:
- controlling the variable(s) that could have a significant effect on the results
- using technique(s) that increase the accuracy of the measured values of the dependent (and independent, if appropriate) variable
- drawing a linear graph, valid for the data
- writing a conclusion that states the equation of the relationship.

**Carry out a comprehensive practical physics investigation** involves writing a discussion that validates the conclusion. The discussion may include as appropriate:
- a justification for the accuracy-improving techniques used
- a reason that there is a limit to either end of the value chosen for the independent variable
- a justification why a variable needs to be controlled.
- a description of any difficulties encountered when making measurements and how these difficulties were overcome
- a link between investigation findings and applicable physics ideas
- a description of any unexpected outcomes of the processing of the results and a suggestion of how these outcomes could have been caused and/or the effect they had on the validity of the conclusion.

Conditions of Assessment related to this achievement standard can be found at [http://ncea.tki.org.nz/Resources-for-Internally-Assessed-Achievement-Standards](http://ncea.tki.org.nz/Resources-for-Internally-Assessed-Achievement-Standards).

**Replacement Information**
This achievement standard replaced unit standard 6375 and AS90180.
Quality Assurance

1 Providers and Industry Training Organisations must have been granted consent to assess by NZQA before they can register credits from assessment against achievement standards.

2 Organisations with consent to assess and Industry Training Organisations assessing against achievement standards must engage with the moderation system that applies to those achievement standards.

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