

# **New Zealand Qualifications Framework Levels 1 – 3, 2011**

## **Agricultural and Horticultural Science**

**2011**

### **Moderator's Report**

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### **General Guidance for Assessors**

The purpose of external moderation is to provide reassurance that teacher judgments are at the national standard and are made on the basis of assessment materials that are fair and valid. All assessment materials are expected to:

- give the student the opportunity to meet the requirements of the standard
- include an assessment schedule that gives evidence of appropriate student responses and clear judgements at all levels.

To help to ensure best assessment practice teachers need to access the Subject Specific Resources for Agricultural and Horticultural Science on the NZQA website:

**[www.nzqa.govt.nz/ag-hort](http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/ag-hort)**

The resources on this webpage include:

1. annotated student exemplars
2. clarification of issues with the standards
3. newsletters - current and archived editions
4. previous national moderator reports
5. a link to the TKI resources

### **General Comments**

During 2011 teachers have been prepared to adapt the new TKI resources to best meet the interests of their students at Level 1. When adapting the task it is important that the schedule evidence is also changed to reflect the new context.

Some teachers have used the TKI Resource previously used for version 2 of 90157 to assess the new version 3 of 90157. The latest version has one assessment criteria; there is no longer the requirement to conduct a multi-station test to assess practical knowledge.

At Level 3 a range of primary products can be studied for 90649 – 90653. It is important that students are assessed on the quality of the evidence rather than the quantity of evidence submitted. Integration of ideas is essential for the award of Excellence in these standards.

With the introduction of new standards at Level 2 in 2012 and Level 3 in 2013 teachers should be referring to the NZQA website for updated information and resources applicable to internally assessed standards.

**The National Moderator reports will be replaced by newsletters and clarifications documents from 2012.**