

National Diploma in Journalism (Multi-media) (Level 5)

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Credits 120

This qualification has been **reviewed**. The last date to meet the requirements is 31 December 2020.

Transition Arrangements

This qualification has been reviewed and replaced by the New Zealand Diploma in Journalism Level 5 [Ref: 3208].

The last date for entry to programmes leading to this qualification is 31 December 2018. The last date for assessment against the replaced qualification is 31 December 2020, at which time it will be discontinued.

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

NZQF National Qualification Registration Information

Process	Version	Date	Last Date for Assessment
Registration	1	June 1997	December 2009
Revision	2	March 1998	December 2009
Revision	3	July 1999	December 2009
Review	4	January 2008	December 2016
Review	5	August 2011	December 2020
Review	6	June 2016	December 2020

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Purpose

The National Diploma in Journalism (Multi-media) is the pre-workplace qualification for employment in professional journalism. Holders of this qualification are recognised by industry as having the newsroom entry level skills necessary to work in their chosen area of specialisation, which may be magazine, newspaper, radio, television, or internet.

The qualification is made up of compulsory standards, plus an elective section. The compulsory standards are designed to recognise the broad range of skills required of the working journalist. The elective section is designed to give providers some flexibility in the programmes that they offer and to cater for the specialist knowledge required by each sector of the journalism industry.

Graduates are able to gather information and write news stories for publication and broadcast in accordance with the minimum standards for professional journalism and to meet the publishable standard. The range of topics for the stories includes: local government activities; court reporting; current events; Māoridom; and numerics and statistics. They have an understanding of media law and ethics and are able to produce photographs from news and internet assignments.

Other skills they may have selected from the elective section, depending on their specialisation, include: design and layout; writing about diversity; writing for broadcast on radio or television; feature writing; producing photographs and slide shows; and video packages or news story editing for posting on the internet.

This qualification is achieved off-job using simulated scenarios and is not part of a professional journalism course.

People achieving this qualification may go on to complete the National Diploma in Applied Journalism (Level 6) [Ref: 1485].

Credit Range

	Compulsory	Elective
Level 3 credits	10	-
Level 5 credits	85	25
Minimum totals	95	25

Detailed Requirements

Compulsory

The following standards are required

Business > Business Administration > Business Information Processing

ID	Title	Level	Credit
117	Write shorthand at 80 words per minute (wpm) and transcribe to produce required information	3	10

Community and Social Services > Journalism > Journalism Skills

ID	Title	Level	Credit
27218	Gather and record information and plan news stories for publication and broadcast	5	25
27219	Write a variety of news stories for publication and broadcast	5	25
27220	Interpret and use numerical data to write news stories, and write instructions for the production of an infographic	5	5
27221	Write news stories from court and related activities, and demonstrate media law and ethics knowledge	5	15
27222	Demonstrate knowledge of current affairs, the role of the news media, and newsroom requirements	5	5
27223	Write news stories from local government activities for publication and broadcast	5	5
27224	Write a news feature on a topic relating to Māori for publication or broadcast	5	5

Elective

A minimum of 5 standards

Community and Social Services > Journalism > Journalism Skills

ID	Title	Level	Credit
27225	Write a news feature about diversity in New Zealand's population	5	5
27226	Develop and write a feature article for publication	5	5
27227	Develop and write a feature profile and a review for publication	5	5
27228	Produce photographs and an internet slide show from news assignments for publication	5	5
27383	Subedit and lay out a page for publication	5	5
27384	Prepare news stories with audio for broadcast on radio	5	5
27385	Prepare and write a news story for broadcast on television	5	5

ID	Title	Level	Credit
27386	Gather material from the internet and write news stories for publication on an internet news site	5	5
27387	Produce a video news story package for posting on an internet website	5	5

Transition Arrangements

Version 5

This qualification was reviewed and issued as version 5 to take account of changes resulting from the review of the level 5 *Journalism Skills* standards.

Changes to structure and content

- Credit total has decreased from 134 to 120
- Standard 16679 has been removed from the qualification as industry determined it was no longer relevant to the target audience
- Expired standard 10375 was removed from the qualification
- Expiring standards 10380, 23116, and 23117 have been replaced with standard 27221
- Requirements of elective section have changed from achievement of a minimum of 3 standards to achievement of a minimum of 5 standards
- Expiring compulsory standards 23119 and 23122 have been replaced with standards 27225 and 27228 in the elective section
- Expiring standards from version 4 of this qualification in the *Journalism Skills* domain, have been replaced by new standards as shown in the exemption table below.

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

From February 2012, all new students will be enrolled in training programmes leading to version 5 of the qualification. People currently working towards version 4 of the qualification may either complete the requirements for that version or transfer their results to the new version of the qualification under the guidance of the Communications and Media Industry Training Organisation (CMITO).

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
10374	27220
10380, 23116, 23117	27221
23106	27218
23108	27222
23109	27223

Credit for	Exempt from
23111	27219
23118	27224
23119	27225
23121	27383
23122	27228
23123	27226
23124	27227
23125	27384
23126	27385
23127	27386

It is anticipated that no existing candidates are disadvantaged by these transition arrangements. However, anyone who feels that they have been disadvantaged may appeal to the CMITO who will consider appeals on a case by case basis.

Previous versions of the qualification

Version 4 was reviewed and issued to take account of changes resulting from the review of the Level 5 Journalism Skills standards. Main changes included: title change; core compulsory and core elective sections replaced with a compulsory section; strands replaced with a single elective section; expiring standards replaced to reflect the outcome of their review; expiring standards 10361, 10371, 10372 and 10373 removed from the qualification; standards 117, 16679 and 23108 included in the compulsory section; standard 23127 included in the elective section; and credit total increased from 120 to 134 credits.

Version 3 was revised and issued in order to include standards 10370 and 10364 which were inadvertently left out of Core Elective sections 2 and 3 respectively.

Version 2 was updated and issued in order to move standards 10365 and 10371 from the Core Compulsory list to Core Elective lists.

Version 1 of the qualification replaced the National Certificate in Journalism with options in Print, Radio or Television [Ref: 0005] in June 1997.

Other standard setting bodies whose standards are included in the qualification

NZQA

Certification

This certificate will display the logos of NZQA, CMITO, JTO 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
116	Community and Social Services > Journalism	100703	Creative Arts > Communication and Media Studies > Journalism, Communication and Media Studies

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.