

FIELD HEALTH**Rollover and revision of *Massage and Complementary Therapies* unit standards**

Subfield	Domain	Id
Natural and Traditional Health and Healing	Complementary Therapies	14788–14807
	Massage	14753–14759, 14867, 14963–14969, 17346

The NZQA National Qualifications Services (NQS) has decided that the unit standards listed above, which were registered in February 1999 and March 2000, should have their period of registration extended. The review of the massage unit standards and the complementary therapies unit standards is planned to take place in 2005.

Date new versions published **January 2004**

New comments by date **December 2005**

Expiry date of new versions of the unit standards **December 2006**

Reason for the rollover and revision

The reason for the rollover and revision is to maintain the currency of the unit standards and to insert the legal requirements relating to massage and the Physiotherapy Act 1949 into the special notes in unit standards that have the word **massage** in their titles.

Substantial changes have also been made to the referred Accreditation and Moderation Action Plan (AMAP 0159) to ensure that providers of massage courses are aware of the definition of physiotherapy in the Physiotherapy Act 1949; and that it encompasses massage. Providers of massage courses are required to ensure that they do not breach the Physiotherapy Act 1949.

Main changes resulting from the rollover and revision

- The references to legislation have been updated in the special notes of all the unit standards.
- Information has been inserted into the special notes sections of unit standards that have the word **massage** in their titles, to ensure that providers of massage comply with the legal requirements of the Physiotherapy Act 1949, and further conditions set by the Board of the New Zealand Qualifications Authority.
- The moderation option on all the unit standards has been updated.
- Prerequisite information in unit standards 14756, 14965 and 14800 has been corrected.
- Zone Therapy capitalised in title for unit standard 17346.

Impact on existing provider accreditations

None.

Impact on Accreditation and Moderation Action Plan (AMAP)

AMAP 0159 has been updated to reflect the changes made to the standards, and the new NZQA Moderation Action Plan.

Impact on existing qualifications

None.