

FIELD SOCIAL SCIENCES**Review of *Economics* Level 2 achievement standards**

Subfield	Economic Theory and Practice	
Domain	Id	Subject reference
Economics	90236-90240	Economics 2.1-2.4, 2.6, 2.7

The Ministry of Education and the Secondary Education Group Assessment business unit of NZQA have completed a review of the achievement standards listed above that were registered in October 2002.

New Registration date October 2004

Date new versions published October 2004

Planned review date March 2007

Summary of review and consultation process

This review is part of the planned cycle of review that takes place after the first year of use of the achievement standards.

- Initial feedback and comments were collated from teachers/schools, moderators, the National Assessment Panel, professional development facilitators, material developers, and other stakeholders.
- This information was reviewed by subject specialists and recommendations were made in March 2004.
- The recommendations were sent out for national consultation to all secondary schools, and some tertiary providers in May 2004.

Main changes resulting from the review

The review process has resulted in the following modifications to the achievement standards:

- AS90236 and AS90237 – these standards were each split into two separate standards. Each of the original standards contained two achievement criteria that could be assessed independently. The decision to split these standards was made so that students could more readily access the credits for each of these independent outcomes.
- AS90238 – the three achievement criteria were condensed into two more holistic criteria. Excellence was amended to become a more inclusive statement by collapsing the two criteria into one. The key focus continues to be on evaluating. The credit value was reduced from 6 to 4, to better reflect the comparative content coverage across the standards, and in response to feedback received.
- AS90239 and AS90240 – these two standards were combined into one investigation standard. It was considered that these two standards were almost assessing the same outcomes and were largely repetitive. The inclusion of evaluation for excellence brings this standard in line with most of the other Level 2 standards.

Externally assessed achievement standards 90236 and 90237, which are a Category C review, expired in December 2004.

Internally assessed achievement standards 90239 and 90240, which are a Category C review, will expire in December 2005.

Impact on existing provider accreditations

None.

Impact on Accreditation and Moderation Action Plan (AMAP)

AMAP 0226 was updated to reflect the changes made to the achievement standards.

Impact on existing qualifications

None.

Impact of changes on [NCEA Exclusions List](#)

AS90760 has replaced category C achievement standard AS90239 as the exclusion for unit standard 10930 on the exclusions list.

Summary of main changes to achievement standards' Ids, classification, titles, levels, and credits

The following summary shows the changes made to the achievement standards as a result of the review. All changes are in **bold**.

Key to review category

- A** Dates changed, but no other changes are made - the replacement achievement standard carries the same Id and a new version number
- B** Changes made, but the overall outcome remains the same - the replacement achievement standard carries the same Id and a new version number
- C** Major changes that necessitate the registration of a replacement achievement standard with a new Id
- D** Achievement standard will expire and not be replaced

Subfield Economic Theory and Practice
Domain Economics

Id	Title	Level	Credit	Review Category
90236	Explore issues using economic concepts and statistical data	2	6	C
90758	Define and describe economic concepts and terms in relation to given issues	2	3	
90761	Process and interpret statistical data in relation to given economic issues	2	4	
90237	Examine economic issues	2	6	C
90759	Use economic models to illustrate aspects of given issues	2	4	
90762	Describe economic effects of given issues	2	3	
90238	Demonstrate an awareness of government policies related to economic issues	2	6 4	B

Id	Title	Level	Credit	Review Category
90239	Carry out an investigation of a current economic issue using primary data	2	3	C
90240	Carry out an investigation of a current economic issue using referenced secondary sources	2	3	C
90760	Carry out an investigation of a current economic issue	2	6	