

FIELD EDUCATION**Review of Assessment and Programming in Special Education unit standard 7304**

Subfield	Domain	Id
Special Education	Assessment and Programming in Special Education	7304

The NZQA National Qualifications Services (NQS) has completed the review of the unit standard listed above that was registered in June 1996.

Date report published February 2006

New comments by date of new unit standard February 2009

Expiry date of new unit standard December 2010

Summary of review and consultation process

During the review of Special Education unit standards in 2003, it was noted that unit standard 7304 was used extensively by Early Childhood Education providers as it was an integral part of the National Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 5) [Ref: 0430]. Early Childhood Educators on the review panel commented that this unit standard would fit better in the Early Childhood Education and Care subfield.

At a meeting of the Early Childhood Education Standing Sector Advisory Network (SSAN) in May 2004, the request for transfer to the Early Childhood Education and Care subfield was tabled and endorsed by the Standing Sector Advisory Network for Early Childhood Education. There was no objection to the transfer from the Special Education sector or review panel.

The review of unit standard 7304 altered the emphasis to demonstrating knowledge rather than implementation, as it was not always possible for a candidate to be actively involved in the implementation of early intervention programmes in some early childhood centres for various reasons, including safety.

Main changes resulting from the review

- Unit standard 7304 has been designated Category C and been replaced by unit standard 21327.
- The emphasis is on demonstrating knowledge of assisting with implementation of early intervention programmes as opposed to actually assisting with the implementation.

Unit standard 7304, categorised as category C, expires at the end of December 2007.

Impact on existing provider accreditations

Current Accreditation for			Accreditation extended to		
Nature of accreditation	Classification or Id	Level	Nature of accreditation	Classification or Id	Level
Standard	7304	4	Standard	21327	4

Impact on Accreditation and Moderation Action Plan (AMAP)

AMAP 0135 has been updated to include unit standard 21327, and unit standard 7304 has been removed from AMAP 0100.

Impact on existing qualifications

The following qualifications contain unit standard 7304 and will be updated to take account of this review

- National Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 5) [Ref: 0430]
- National Diploma in Teaching (Early Childhood Education, Pasifika) (Level 7) [Ref: 0983]

For the purposes of these qualifications, people who have gained credit for the expiring unit standard will be exempt from the requirement to gain credit for the replacement unit standard.

Expiring unit standard	Replacement unit standard
7304	21327

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

The following summary shows the changes made to the 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 new version of the standard carries the same Id and a new version number
- B** Changes made, but the overall outcome remains the same - the new version of the standard carries the same Id and a new version number
- C** Major changes that necessitate the registration of a replacement standard with a new Id
- D** Standard will expire and not be replaced

Subfield Special Education

Subfield Early Childhood Education and Care

Domain Assessment and Programming in Special Education

Domain Early Childhood Education Theory and Practice

Id	Title	Level	Credit	Review Category
7304	Assist with implementation of early intervention programmes	4	4	C
21327	Demonstrate knowledge of assisting with the implementation of early intervention programmes in ECE	4	4	