

**FIELD                      EDUCATION****Revision of *Teaching* qualification****National Diploma in Teaching (Early Childhood Education, Pasifika) (Level 7)  
[Ref: 0983]**

The National Qualifications Services (NQS) of NZQA has revised the qualification listed above.

**Date new version published****June 2007**

The next qualification review is planned to take place during 2008.

**Reason for the revision**

The review of the Pacific Islands Early Childhood Education standards in 2005 resulted in the registration of a new domain Pacific Island Early Childhood Education: Cultural Support. Many of the new unit standards have their origins in the reviewed standards, however they are not considered replacements. It was agreed the reviewed unit standards would not expire for 5 years as an earlier date could adversely impact on the existing candidates for the National Diploma in Teaching (Early Childhood Education, Pasifika) (Level 7) [Ref: 0983].

The unit standards in new domain Pacific Island Early Childhood Education: Cultural Support are generic in nature, and it was agreed that these unit standards should be available for all candidates wishing to gain the National Diploma in Teaching (Early Childhood Education, Pasifika) (Level 7). The reason for this revision is to include the new domain with its accompanying unit standards in Elective One and to revise the rule relating to the elective. This will enable candidates to choose unit standards from any domain.

It was also brought to NZQA's attention that the totals in the Credit Range table required correction.

**Main changes resulting from the revision**

Elective 1 was amended so candidates can now choose a minimum of 10 credits and a maximum of 23 credits at level 4 or above from any of the specified domains, including the new domain Pacific Island Early Childhood Education: Cultural Support.

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[Ref: 0983]****Changes to structure and content**

- Addition of the new domain Pacific Island Early Childhood Education: Cultural Support in Elective 1.
- Correction of the totals in the Credit Range table.
- Amendment of Elective 1 rule to include credits from any of the specified domains.

## Transition

People currently enrolled in programmes leading to the award of the earlier versions of this qualification may either complete that version or transfer to version 3. Providers are encouraged to offer programmes leading to award of version 3 from 2008. The last date for assessments to take place for version 2 is 31 December 2009.

It is the intention of the NZQA National Qualifications Services (NQS) that no person should be disadvantaged by these changes. Any person who believes they have been disadvantaged should contact NQS at:

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