

Revision of *Epilepsy* qualifications

National Certificate in Epilepsy Care (Level 5) [Ref: 0791]

National Diploma in Epilepsy Care (Level 6) [Ref: 0792]

The next qualification review is planned to take place during 2010.

Reason for the revision

The change of responsibility was initiated as a consequence of the NZQA exit strategy for a number of its advisory groups. As part of this revision CSSITO took the opportunity to make some changes for clarity and consistency.

Main changes resulting from the revision

National Certificate in Epilepsy Care (Level 5) [Ref: 0791]

Changes to structure and content

- Amended to show Community Support Services Industry Training Organisation responsibility.
- Title has changed to reflect the subfield name.
- Special note with recommended first aid alternatives has been added.
- Titles of unit standards 7176 and 7177 have been amended.
- Standards have been specified within the elective set.
- Credits for the qualification have decreased from 51 to 50.

National Diploma in Epilepsy Care (Level 6) [Ref: 0792]

Changes to structure and content

- Amended to show Community Support Services Industry Training Organisation responsibility.
- Title has changed to reflect the subfield name.
- Special note with recommended first aid alternatives has been added.
- Titles of unit standards 7097, 7176 and 7177 have been amended.

Transition

People currently enrolled in programmes leading to the award of version 1 of these qualifications may either complete that version or transfer to version 2.

People who feel disadvantaged by the transition process should contact Community Support Services Industry Training Organisation Limited (see contact details below).

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Revision of *Epilepsy* unit standards

Subfield	Domain	Id
Community Support	Epilepsy Care	7170-7181

Summary of revision and consultation process

The purpose of the revision is to update information due to a change of standard setting responsibility, and subfield and domain names for the unit standards.

Main changes resulting from the revision

- Standard setter details have changed from NZQA National Qualifications Services to Community Support Services Industry Training Organisation.
- Accreditation statements have been updated to match those on AMAP 0024.
- Titles of qualifications have been updated to reflect the subfield and name.
- Unit standard titles have been updated.

Impact on existing provider accreditations

None.

Impact on existing qualifications

Qualifications that contain the revised standards or classifications are tabled below.

Affected	The qualification lists a reviewed classification (domain or subfield) in an elective set The qualification lists a standard that has changes to level or credits The qualification lists a C or D category standard
Not materially affected	The qualification lists a standard that has a new title The qualification lists a standard that has a new classification

The following qualifications are not materially affected by the outcome of this revision and have been revised as part of this application.

Qualification title	Standard in the qualification
National Certificate in Epilepsy Care (Level 5) [Ref: 0791]	7176, 7177
National Diploma in Epilepsy Care (Level 6) [Ref: 0792]	7176, 7177

Summary of main changes to titles, levels, and credit values

All changes are in **bold**.

Subfield Community Support
Domain Epilepsy Care

Id	Title	Level	Credit
7170	Assist a person during epileptic seizures and emergency situations	6	14
7171	Define and establish management strategies for the way epilepsy affects lifestyle	6	20
7172	Describe nervous system anatomy and physiology and its relationship with epilepsy	5	10

Id	Title	Level	Credit
7173	Describe the psychological and psychiatric problems associated with epilepsy Describe the psychological and psychiatric conditions associated with epilepsy	5	8
7174	Describe historical and multicultural belief systems about epilepsy Describe historical and cultural beliefs about epilepsy	4	4
7175	Define monitoring of drug therapy and special precautions in relation to epilepsy Define monitoring of drug therapy and special precautions in relation to epilepsy	6	5
7176	Define Epilepsy NZ and its relationship with epilepsy health services Describe Epilepsy NZ and its relationship with epilepsy health services	4	2
7177	Record client history and describe medical investigations for epilepsy Document client history and describe medical investigations for epilepsy	5	5
7178	Demonstrate knowledge of epilepsy	7	20
7179	Describe the non-pharmacological management of epilepsy	4	4
7180	Explain the principles of diagnosis and prognosis of epilepsy	7	12
7181	Explain the pharmacology of anti-epileptic medications	6	20