

FIELD HEALTH**Review of *Pharmacy Services* unit standards**

Subfield	Domain	Id
Pharmacy	Pharmacy Services	9651, 23657, 23658-23672

The Pharmacy Industry Training Organisation has completed the review of the unit standards listed above.

Date new versions published

November 2008

Planned review date

December 2013

Summary of review and consultation process

A meeting of the Advisory Group was held on 16 July to discuss feedback from stakeholders, both industry and providers. The stakeholders advised that the content of the unit standards developed as replacements for unit standard 9652 in April 2007 required too much knowledge from candidates for the role of a pharmacy technician and were 'not fit for purpose'. The industry assessors and providers had tried to develop assessment material for the existing unit standards and this had required candidates to collect large amounts of evidence, which was neither feasible nor realistic for the credits assigned.

It was agreed that some of the unit standards would be designated as expiring and five new unit standards would be developed to provide more of a focus on overview. Amendments were made to some of the unit standards, and five new unit standards were developed and endorsed by the stakeholders. As the category D unit standards are 'not fit for purpose' and have not been used, it was decided that they should expire at the end of 2009. It was also agreed to remove the replacement relationships with 9652 from those standards being retained.

Main changes resulting from the review

- Twelve unit standards were designated as expiring.
- Credit totals were increased for unit standards 23658 and 23669.
- Performance criteria were clarified.
- Entry requirements were removed.
- Five new unit standards were developed to provide knowledge of body systems and medicines used in their treatment.
- Unit standards 23657 and 23669 had replacement relationships with 9652 removed.

Unit standards categorised as category D expire at the end of December 2009.

Impact on existing provider accreditations

None.

Impact on existing qualifications

Qualifications that contain the reviewed 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 Pharmacy Industry Training Organisation qualification is affected by the outcome of this review and it is currently under review.

Qualification title	Classification or standard in the qualification
National Certificate in Pharmacy (Technician) (Level 5) with strands in Community, and Hospital [Ref: 0423]	23658-23671

Review Categories and changes to classification, title, level and credits

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 Pharmacy
Domain Pharmacy Services

Id	Title	Level	Credit	Review Category
9651	Apply procedures for handling hazardous substances as a pharmacy technician	3	2	B
23657	Provide advice on the use of dispensed medicines as a pharmacy technician	5	3	B
23658	Demonstrate knowledge of pharmaceutical dose forms and accessories	4	2 4	B
23659	Demonstrate knowledge of human endocrine system, disorders and pharmacology	5	3	D
23660	Demonstrate knowledge of human cardiovascular system, disorders, and pharmacology	5	5	D
23661	Demonstrate knowledge of human digestive system, disorders, and pharmacology	5	3	D
23662	Demonstrate knowledge of human musculoskeletal system, disorders, and pharmacology	5	3	D
23663	Demonstrate knowledge of human respiratory system, disorders, and pharmacology	5	3	D
23664	Demonstrate knowledge of human integumentary system, disorders, and pharmacology	5	3	D
23665	Demonstrate knowledge of human nervous system, disorders, and pharmacology	5	5	D

Id	Title	Level	Credit	Review Category
23666	Demonstrate knowledge of human eye and ear, disorders, and pharmacology	5	3	D
23667	Demonstrate knowledge of human reproductive system, disorders, and pharmacology	5	3	D
23668	Demonstrate knowledge of human urinary system, disorders, and pharmacology	5	3	D
23669	Demonstrate knowledge, as a pharmacy technician, of pathogens, infections, and anti-infective therapy Demonstrate knowledge of pathogens, infections, and anti-infective therapy	5	3 6	B
23670	Demonstrate knowledge, as a pharmacy technician, of human malignant disease and chemotherapy	5	3	D
23671	Demonstrate knowledge, as a pharmacy technician, of human immune system, disorders, and immunotherapy	5	3	D
23672	Demonstrate knowledge, as a pharmacy technician, of drug dosing, action, adverse effects, and misuse and dependence	4	5	B
25261	Demonstrate knowledge of human nervous and endocrine systems and medicines used in their treatment	5	10	New
25262	Demonstrate knowledge of human cardiovascular and respiratory systems and medicines used in their treatment	5	10	New
25263	Demonstrate knowledge of human digestive, reproductive, and urinary systems and medicines used in their treatment	5	9	New
25264	Demonstrate knowledge of human musculoskeletal, integumentary systems, eye and ear and medicines used in their treatment	5	9	New
25265	Demonstrate knowledge of human immune system and malignant disease and medicines used in their treatment	5	8	New