

FIELD SOCIAL SCIENCES**Revision of *Media Studies* Level 2 achievement standards**

Subfield	Social Science Studies	
Domain	Id	Subject reference
Media Studies	90278	Media Studies 2.3
Media Studies	90279	Media Studies 2.4

The Ministry of Education and the Secondary Assessment and Liaison business unit of NZQA have revised the achievement standards listed above.

Date new versions published**November 2009****Reason for the revision**

Both standards are externally assessed and have two achievement criteria. This has made both writing and sitting the examination very difficult. Writers have to produce examinations which are longer than they need be and have more than one part to them, making many hoops for students to 'jump through'. This has also made it difficult for the markers to make a holistic judgement across the whole standard.

Main changes resulting from the revision

In each standard:

- the two achievement criteria have been rewritten into a single criterion
- the title has been amended to be consistent with the criterion
- some explanatory notes have been amended in line with changes to the criteria.

Impact on existing provider accreditations

None.

Impact on Accreditation and Moderation Action Plan (AMAP)

None.

Impact on existing qualifications

None.

The following table shows the changes made to the achievement standards. All changes are in **bold**.

Subfield Social Science Studies
Domain Media Studies

Id	Title	Level	Credit
90278	Demonstrate understanding of messages and/or values, and representations within media texts	2	3
	Demonstrate understanding of representation in the media	2	3
90279	Demonstrate understanding of a media genre	2	3