

Field Humanities

Review of *Pacific Studies* unit standards

Subfield	Domain	ID
Pacific Studies	Pacific Change and Development	17165-17167
	Pacific Indigenous Knowledge	17162-17164
	Pacific Societies	17168-17170

NZQA National Qualifications Services (NQS) has completed the review of the unit standards listed above.

Date new versions published

July 2010

Planned review date

December 2014

Summary

These unit standards were reviewed as part of a scheduled review of unit standards in the subfield *Pacific Studies* to ensure that they are fit for purpose, national in scope, and technically sound.

Organisations representing tertiary education organisations, private training establishments, secondary schools, Pacific Island training providers and government agencies were advised of the review and asked to disseminate the information to the stakeholders whose interests they represented. From the responses received, an initial working panel was established, including Pasifika representatives from tertiary education organisations, private training establishments, and secondary schools.

The review meetings were held (November 2008 and March 2009) during which the panel reviewed the set of unit standards and developed three new unit standards to assess presentation skills in a Pasifika context. All unit standards were then emailed to the tertiary and education sector for consultation.

Feedback from providers throughout New Zealand with accreditation for the subfield *Pacific Studies* indicated that these unit standards reflect the NZQA Pasifika Strategy initiatives which aim to increase achievement in knowledge, skills and values for Pasifika students. The sector endorsed the three new unit standards written to assess presentation skills in a Pasifika context, as performance by an individual or group is integral to Pasifika culture and needed to be recognised by separate unit standards rather than being incorporated in existing standards as performance.

The review confirmed the relevance of all unit standards and confirmed the level and credits assigned.

Main changes

- Titles of unit standards 17164, 17165, 17167 and 17170 were amended to improve clarity and more accurately reflect the intended outcomes.
- Changes were made to special notes to clarify assessment parameters.
- Purpose statements, elements, and performance criteria were amended to improve accuracy and consistency with the outcomes of the unit standards.

- Credit allocation for unit standards 17162, 17163, 17165, 17166, 17168, and 17169 was decreased from 6 to 5 to better reflect the time involved to achieve the standards.
- New unit standards 26538-26540 were developed to assess presentation skills on an aspect of Pacific culture.

The *Registration Criteria for National Qualifications Framework (NQF) Unit Standards* have been reviewed and replaced with the *Quality assurance criteria for the listing of unit standards on the Directory of Assessment Standards*. The changes made to the criteria during this review reflect the replacement of the NQF and the Register with the New Zealand Qualifications Framework (NZQF) and the Directory of Assessment Standards, the inclusion of criteria for grades, and changes to terminology and format of unit standards. The main changes to terminology are that:

- Special Notes were renamed *Explanatory notes*
- Elements were renamed *Outcomes*
- Performance Criteria were renamed *Evidence requirements*.

The unit standards covered by this report have been published in the new format.

Impact on existing accreditations

None.

Impact on Accreditation and Moderation Action Plan (AMAP)

None.

Impact on registered qualifications

None.

Detailed list of unit standards – classification, title, level, and credits

All changes are in **bold**.

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ID	Title	Level	Credit	Review Category
17165	Carry out an investigation of Pacific change and development with direction Carry out an investigation into an aspect of pacific change and development with direction	1	6 5	B
17166	Carry out an investigation into an aspect of Pacific change and development with guidance	2	6 5	B
17167	Carry out an investigation into an aspect of Pacific change and development with consultation Draw a conclusion after investigating an hypothesis on an aspect of Pacific change and development	3	6	B

Humanities> Pacific Studies> Pacific Indigenous Knowledge

ID	Title	Level	Credit	Review Category
17162	Carry out an investigation into an aspect of Pacific indigenous knowledge with direction	1	6 5	B
17163	Carry out an investigation into an aspect of Pacific indigenous knowledge with guidance	2	6 5	B
17164	Carry out an investigation into an aspect of Pacific indigenous knowledge with consultation Draw a conclusion after investigating an hypothesis on an aspect of Pacific indigenous knowledge	3	6	B
26538	Present information on an aspect of Pacific culture with direction	1	3	New
26539	Present information on an aspect of Pacific culture with guidance	2	3	New
26540	Present information on an aspect of Pacific culture with consultation	3	3	New

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ID	Title	Level	Credit	Review Category
17168	Carry out an investigation into an aspect of Pacific society with direction	1	6 5	B
17169	Carry out an investigation into an aspect of Pacific society with guidance	2	6 5	B
17170	Carry out an investigation into an aspect of Pacific society with consultation Draw a conclusion after investigating an hypothesis on an aspect of Pacific society	3	6	B