

Field Humanities

Review of *New Zealand Sign Language* unit standards

Subfield	Domain	ID
Languages	New Zealand Sign Language	15779-15787, 15790-15814, 15842

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

Date new versions published

November 2010

Summary

As part of the normal review cycle NQS scheduled a review of unit standards in the domain New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL). During the scoping and consultation for this review, it was identified that the standards:

- have had little or no recent use (6 reported results for 3 standards in 2005, no reported results in 2006-2008, and 12 reported results for 2 standards in 2009)
- do not align with the learning languages objectives of *The New Zealand Curriculum*
- do not align with teaching and learning guides for NZSL.

Although NZSL is an official language of New Zealand it was difficult to justify keeping the unit standards for the reasons above. Therefore, NQS planned to designate the standards as expiring and to exit from standard setting responsibility for *New Zealand Sign Language* domain.

In accordance with NZQA's obligations under the New Zealand Sign Language Act 2006, the Chief Executive consulted with accredited providers and organisations with interest in NZSL on the proposed expiry and no objections were received.

Main changes

- All standards in the *New Zealand Sign Language* domain were designated expiring and will not be replaced
- The *New Zealand Sign Language* domain was not designated expiring (lapsing) because new standards for NZSL may be developed in the future.

Category D unit standards will expire at the end of December 2013

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

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

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ID	Title	Level	Credit	Review Category
15779	Give information about yourself and seek information about others using New Zealand Sign Language	2	4	D
15780	Demonstrate use of materials available for users of New Zealand Sign Language	2	2	D
15781	Hold a short conversation with one person on a familiar topic using New Zealand Sign Language	2	4	D
15782	Hold a conversation with one person on a less familiar topic, using New Zealand Sign Language	3	4	D
15783	Make a request of and offer assistance to another person, using New Zealand Sign Language	2	3	D
15784	Recount a signed conversation on a familiar topic, using New Zealand Sign Language	3	2	D
15785	Describe familiar people, places, and events, using New Zealand Sign Language	2	3	D
15786	Recount a signed conversation on a less familiar topic, using New Zealand Sign Language	3	3	D
15787	Demonstrate knowledge of the Deaf community in New Zealand	3	4	D
15790	Deliver a monologue to a known audience on a familiar topic, using New Zealand Sign Language	2	2	D
15791	Deliver a monologue to a known audience on a less familiar topic, using New Zealand Sign Language	3	3	D
15792	Deliver a presentation and answer questions on a less familiar topic, using NZSL	3	4	D
15793	Paraphrase a signed monologue on a familiar topic, using NZSL	2	3	D
15794	Paraphrase a signed monologue on a less familiar topic, using New Zealand Sign Language	3	4	D
15795	Give an informal account of an experience of a familiar event using New Zealand Sign Language	2	2	D
15796	Give a formal account of an experience of an unfamiliar event, using New Zealand Sign Language	3	2	D
15797	Demonstrate knowledge of the structure of New Zealand Sign Language	4	6	D
15798	Give and ask directions to a specific place and location, using New Zealand Sign Language	2	2	D

ID	Title	Level	Credit	Review Category
15799	Give and ask directions to an unfamiliar place and location, using New Zealand Sign Language	2	2	D
15800	Explain a simple process, using New Zealand Sign Language	2	2	D
15801	Explain a complex process, using New Zealand Sign Language	3	3	D
15802	Inform a group of people about simple arrangements, using New Zealand Sign Language	2	2	D
15803	Inform a group of people about complex arrangements, using New Zealand Sign Language	3	3	D
15804	Summarise a short signed text, using New Zealand Sign Language	2	3	D
15805	Use New Zealand Sign Language to interview a person	4	4	D
15806	Discuss a practical problem and offer a solution, using New Zealand Sign Language	3	3	D
15807	Plan and present a seminar, using New Zealand Sign Language	4	6	D
15808	Demonstrate knowledge of Deaf culture in New Zealand	3	4	D
15809	Research and present cross-cultural comparisons of an aspect of Deaf culture, using NZSL	5	10	D
15810	Research and present a selected issue of the Deaf community, using NZSL	5	10	D
15811	Demonstrate fingerspelling in New Zealand Sign Language	1	2	D
15812	Demonstrate knowledge of communication in the Deaf community	3	4	D
15813	Hold an informal conversation with a group of signers, using NZSL	3	4	D
15814	Debate an issue using New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL)	4	4	D
15842	Review a signed presentation on a less familiar topic, using New Zealand Sign Language	4	4	D