

**Field      Service Sector****Review of *Funeral Services* unit standards**

<b>Subfield</b>	<b>Domain</b>	<b>ID</b>
Funeral Services	Embalming	8349-8360
	Funeral Directing	8340-8348

The Funeral Services Training Trust has completed the review of the unit standards listed above.

**Date new versions published**

**April 2012**

**Planned review date**

**December 2016**

**Summary**

On 24 August 2011 the Funeral Services Training Trust (FSTT) met to review the Funeral Services unit standards. The group consisted of industry practitioners, the provider's representative and Māori representation. Prior to the meeting the unit standards were circulated to the wider industry and comment on any changes sought. These were compiled and presented to the meeting for discussion. Minor changes were suggested to the unit standards and agreement was gained to link the unit standards to a new Code of Ethics developed by FSTT. The unit standards were amended and circulated for endorsement by the industry in December.

**Main changes**

- Titles of unit standards 8342, 8347, 8350, and 8356 were amended.
- Credits on four unit standards were increased to reflect time spent on learning and assessment.
- Explanatory notes were updated to include the new Industry Code of Ethics.

**The Category D unit standard will expire at the end of December 2013**

**Impact on registered qualifications**

<b>Key to type of impact</b>	
<b>Affected</b>	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
<b>Not materially affected</b>	The qualification lists a standard that has a new title The qualification lists a standard that has a new classification

The following Funeral Services Training Trust qualifications are impacted by the outcome of this review and will be updated when they are reviewed in 2012. The standards that generated the status *Affected* are listed in **bold**.

Ref	Qualification Title	Classification or ID
1329	National Diploma in Embalming	8350, <b>8351</b> , 8356, <b>8358</b>
1330	National Diploma in Funeral Directing	<b>8342, 8345, 8346,</b> 8347

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

All changes are in **bold**.

Key to review category	
<b>A</b>	Dates changed, but no other changes are made - the new version of the standard carries the same ID and a new version number
<b>B</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
<b>C</b>	Major changes that necessitate the registration of a replacement standard with a new ID
<b>D</b>	Standard will expire and not be replaced

#### Service Sector > Funeral Services > Embalming

ID	Title	Level	Credit	Review Category
8349	Demonstrate knowledge of the history and philosophy of embalming and its legal and ethical responsibilities	4	10	B
8350	Design a mortuary <b>Demonstrate knowledge of mortuary design</b>	4	8	B
8351	Apply health and safety practices to working in a mortuary	4	5 <b>6</b>	B
8352	Operate and maintain a mortuary	4	6	B
8353	Apply knowledge of anatomy and physiology to embalming	5	15	B
8354	Apply knowledge of micro-organisms to the embalming process	4	6	B
8355	Apply knowledge of chemistry to the embalming process	4	6	B
8356	Identify the effect of trauma and disease on the body and the implications for embalming <b>Demonstrate knowledge of the effect of trauma and disease on the body and the implications for embalming</b>	5	7	B
8357	Embalm a dead human body	5	30	B
8358	Apply specialist embalming skills	5	24 <b>25</b>	B
8359	Restore a dead human body with complications	5	20	B
8360	Present the dead human body	4	20	B

#### Service Sector > Funeral Services > Funeral Directing

ID	Title	Level	Credit	Review Category
8340	Demonstrate knowledge of the history and philosophy of funeral directing	4	7	B
8341	Demonstrate knowledge of the law and its application to funeral directing	3	10	B

ID	Title	Level	Credit	Review Category
8342	Arrange a funeral <b>Plan a funeral</b>	5	30 <b>35</b>	B
8343	Organise a funeral	5	30	B
8344	Direct a funeral	5	30	B
8345	Implement post-funeral activities	4	7 <b>12</b>	B
8346	Refer bereaved families and relatives to support services	4	5	D
8347	Communicate with and support bereaved families and relatives <b>Communicate with and provide support information to bereaved families and relatives</b>	4	7	B
8348	Prepare caskets for viewing or burial or cremation	3	6	B