

Field Community and Social Services**Review of *Epilepsy Care* unit standards and qualifications****Unit Standards**

Subfield	Domain	ID
Community Support	Epilepsy Care	7170-7181

Qualifications

Qualification Title	Reference
National Certificate in Community Support (Epilepsy Care)	0791
National Diploma in Community Support (Epilepsy Care)	0792

Careerforce, the Community Support Services Industry Training Organisation Ltd (CSSITO), has reviewed the unit standards and qualifications listed above.

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Summary of the review and consultation process

In line with the aim of Government policy and the desired outcome of the Targeted Review of Qualifications (TRoQ) in relation to reducing the proliferation of qualifications and unit standards, Careerforce took stock in 2011 of the qualifications and unit standards that it was responsible for developing. A prioritisation and rationalisation exercise was carried out by Careerforce during 2011 aimed at rationalising the work of the ITO to ensure that the unit standards and qualifications for which it is responsible are relevant, useful, and meet the current needs of learners and providers.

As no results have been registered for the unit standards listed above for at least the past three years, Careerforce contacted all organisations with consent to assess against them, asking if they intended to use the standards in the future. As no organisations indicated intent to assess against these standards it was decided to designate them expiring.

There have been no registrations in either the National Certificate in Community Support (Epilepsy Care) [Ref: 0791] or the National Diploma in Community Support (Epilepsy Care) [Ref: 0792] for several years. No organisations with consent to assess against the component standards intend to use the standards in the future. In line with the TRoQ aims of reducing the number of unused qualifications, it was decided to expire them.

Epilepsy New Zealand also confirmed that there are no plans for use of the standards or qualifications listed above.

Careerforce originally intended to move the standards listed above from the lapsing classification *Community and Social Services > Community Support > Epilepsy Care* to the new classification *Community and Social Services > Health, Disability, and Aged Support > Epilepsy Care*. However, as the unit standards and qualifications for *Epilepsy Care* are no longer required, industry has no need for the following domains: *Community and Social Services > Community Support > Epilepsy Care*; *Community and Social Services > Health, Disability, and Aged Support > Epilepsy Care*.

Review of *Epilepsy Care* unit standards

Main changes

- All unit standards listed above are to be designated expiring and will not be replaced.
- The *Community and Social Services > Community Support > Epilepsy Care* domain was designated lapsing.
- The *Community and Social Services > Health, Disability, and Aged Support > Epilepsy Care* domain was expired.

Category D unit standards will expire at the end of December 2012

Impact on registered qualifications

Key to type of impact	
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 CSSITO qualifications are impacted by the outcome of this review. As they have not been awarded for some time, they have also been designated expiring – see below. The standards that generated the status *Affected* are listed in below.

Ref	Qualification Title	Classification or ID
0791	National Certificate in Community Support (Epilepsy Care)	7170-7181
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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

Community and Social Services > Community Support > Epilepsy Care

ID	Title	Level	Credit	Review Category
7170	Assist a person during epileptic seizures and emergency situations	6	14	D
7171	Define and establish management strategies for the way epilepsy affects lifestyle	6	20	D
7172	Describe nervous system anatomy and physiology and its relationship with epilepsy	5	10	D
7173	Describe the psychological and psychiatric conditions associated with epilepsy	5	8	D
7174	Describe historical and cultural beliefs about epilepsy	4	4	D

ID	Title	Level	Credit	Review Category
7175	Define monitoring of drug therapy and special precautions in relation to epilepsy	6	5	D
7176	Describe Epilepsy NZ and its relationship with epilepsy health services	4	2	D
7177	Document client history and describe medical investigations for epilepsy	5	5	D
7178	Demonstrate knowledge of epilepsy	7	20	D
7179	Describe the non-pharmacological management of epilepsy	4	4	D
7180	Explain the principles of diagnosis and prognosis of epilepsy	7	12	D
7181	Explain the pharmacology of anti-epileptic medications	6	20	D

Review of *Epilepsy Care* Qualifications

National Certificate in Community Support (Epilepsy Care) [Ref: 0791]

National Diploma in Community Support (Epilepsy Care) [Ref: 0792]

Review category	D	See Key to Qualification Review Categories at the end of report
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Main changes

- The qualifications listed above have been designated expiring.

Transition

The last date for assessments to take place for version 2 of these qualifications is 31 December 2012.

It is not anticipated that these transition arrangements will disadvantage any candidates. However, anyone who feels disadvantaged should contact the standard setter at the address below:

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Key to Qualification Review Categories

Category A The qualification is published as a new version with the same NQF ID	Changes are made to SSB name, contact details or purpose statement
	No change is made to title, rules or components of the qualification
	No transition arrangements are required
Category B The qualification is published as a new version with the same NQF ID	Changes are made to title, rules or components
	The new version of the qualification recognises a similar skill set to that recognised by the previous version
	The SSB is confident that people awarded the new or previous version are comparable in terms of competence
	Transition arrangements are required if candidates must gain additional/different credits for the new version
Category C A new (replacement) qualification is published with new NQF ID	Significant changes are made to the qualification in terms of components, structure, type or level
	The SSB views people with the replacement qualification as being significantly different in terms of competence from those with the replaced qualification
	Transition arrangements are required
	Transition may be limited to phase-out dates
Category D Qualification will expire. There is no replacement qualification	Qualification is no longer required by industry
	The qualification is designated as expiring and a last date for meeting the qualification requirements is set

Review of *Epilepsy Care* Classifications

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