

Field Sciences**Revision and extension of expiry date for Science unit standards**

Subfield	Domain	ID
Science	Biology	18969
	Chemistry	18974
	Earth Science	18982, 18989
	Physics	18977
	Science – Core	18973, 18986, 21611

NZQA National Qualifications Services has completed the revision and extension of expiry date for the unit standards listed above.

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In 2008 the Ministry of Education and NZQA began to review achievement and unit standards in light of the revised New Zealand Curriculum (NZC). The review recommended all Level 1 unit standards from the Science learning area be expired as the aligned achievement standards covered science outcomes from the NZC.

Feedback from the secondary sector indicated that unit standards were required for year 11 students who were not yet working at NZC Level 6. These expiring standards, as an interim measure, had their expiry dates extended from December 2012 to December 2014.

Main changes

- Extension of expiry date for unit standards 18969, 18973, 18974, 18977, 18982, 18986, 18989, and 21611 to December 2014.
- Range statements were amended to more clearly indicate the evidence required.
- Legislation and health and safety explanatory notes were updated so that they were fit for purpose and technically correct.

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

All changes are in **bold**.

Sciences > Science > Biology

ID	Title	Level	Credit
18969	Demonstrate knowledge of the characteristics of living things, organs and organ systems Demonstrate knowledge of the characteristics of living things, organs, and an organ system	1	2

Sciences > Science > Chemistry

ID	Title	Level	Credit
18974	Demonstrate knowledge of chemical change	1	2

Sciences > Science > Earth Science

ID	Title	Level	Credit
18982	Demonstrate knowledge of Earth science	1	2
18989	Demonstrate knowledge of Earth and space	1	2

Sciences > Science > Physics

ID	Title	Level	Credit
18977	Demonstrate knowledge of the generation and use of electricity	1	2

Sciences > Science > Science - Core

ID	Title	Level	Credit
18973	Demonstrate knowledge of matter	1	2
18986	Select and use basic scientific equipment Select and use scientific equipment	1	2
21611	Follow instructions to carry out a practical scientific activity, and report on the activity Follow instructions to carry out and report on a practical scientific activity	1	2