

Field Social Sciences**Review of *Sociology* unit standards**

Subfield	Domain	ID
Social Science Studies	Sociology	8989-9012

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

Date new versions published

August 2014

Planned review date

December 2018

Summary

The Sociology unit standards were last revised in 1999. In response to requests from the users of these standards, almost exclusively in secondary schools, they have been comprehensively reviewed.

A review panel was convened to undertake the review and assessment support material was developed to support the grading criteria now included in the standards.

The reviewed standards and assessment support material were endorsed by the panel and by the supporting consultation network.

Main changes

- Unit standards at Level 4 will expire in December 2017; they have been used only once since 2004.
- Unit standards 9009-9012 will expire in December 2017, without replacement, as their focus on communication is at the expense of sociology.
- The remaining unit standards have been simplified and have had titles changed and grading criteria added. New assessment support material has been developed.
- Credit values have been increased for standards 8990 and 8991 from 4 to 5 and the credit value of standards 9001 and 9005 have been decreased from 6 to 5, to better reflect the demands of the reviewed content.
- Three new unit standards have been developed, with a focus on social processes.

Category D unit standards will expire at the end of December 2017

The last date for assessment of superseded versions of Category B unit standards is December 2015

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

All changes are in **bold**.

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
8989	Describe and compare sociological theories Explain a sociological theory	1	4	B
8990	Examine and apply sociological theories to an explanation of human behaviour and social organisation Examine sociological theories	2	4 5	B
8991	Analyse and apply sociological theories to an explanation of human behaviour and social organisation Evaluate sociological theories	3	4 5	B
8992	Analyse and evaluate the relevance of sociological theories	4	4	D
8993	Describe a social institution and its influence on people and society Describe a social institution	1	4	B
8994	Examine a social institution and explain its influence on people and society Examine a social institution	2	4	B
8995	Analyse a social institution and assess its influence on people and society Evaluate a social institution	3	4	B
8996	Analyse a social institution and evaluate its influence on people and society	4	4	D
8997	Describe a social structure and its influence on people and society Describe a social structure	1	4	B
8998	Examine a social structure and explain its influence on people and society Examine a social structure	2	4	B
8999	Analyse a social structure and assess its influence on people and society Evaluate a social structure	3	4	B
9000	Analyse a social structure and evaluate its influence on people and society	4	4	D

ID	Title	Level	Credit	Review Category
9001	Conduct a quantitative sociological enquiry with direction Conduct a directed quantitative sociological enquiry	1	6 5	B
9002	Conduct a quantitative sociological enquiry with supervision Conduct a guided quantitative sociological enquiry	2	6	B
9003	Conduct a quantitative sociological enquiry with guidance Conduct an independent quantitative sociological enquiry	3	6	B
9004	Conduct a quantitative sociological enquiry	4	6	D
9005	Conduct a qualitative sociological enquiry with direction Conduct a directed qualitative sociological enquiry	1	6 5	B
9006	Conduct a qualitative sociological enquiry with supervision Conduct a guided qualitative sociological enquiry	2	6	B
9007	Conduct a qualitative sociological enquiry with guidance Conduct an independent qualitative sociological enquiry	3	6	B
9008	Conduct a qualitative sociological enquiry	4	6	D
9009	Communicate sociological ideas and evidence in different modes	1	4	D
9010	Organise and communicate sociological ideas and evidence in essay and another mode	2	4	D
9011	Develop and communicate a sociological argument in essay and another mode	3	4	D
9012	Communicate a substantiated sociological argument	4	4	D
28119	Describe a social process	1	4	New
28120	Examine a social process	2	4	New
28121	Evaluate a social process	3	4	New