

**Field Health**

### **Review of the *Cervical Screening* unit standard 1098**

| <b>Subfield</b> | <b>Domain</b>      | <b>ID</b> |
|-----------------|--------------------|-----------|
| Health Studies  | Cervical Screening | 1098      |

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

**Date new versions published**

**July 2016**

**Planned review date**

**December 2019**

### **Summary**

An expert panel was convened to conduct the planned review of standard 1098, *Perform cervical screening and cervical smear taking*. Panel members consisted of representation from the Ministry of Health's National Cervical Screening Programme (NCSP), Family Planning, programme providers, and the national moderator.

Changes to content were made to align with the Ministry of Health's Guidelines for Cervical Screening in New Zealand and NCSP Competencies for Smear Taker Training. The new draft standard was developed and circulated to the following members of the wider network for consultation and endorsement:

- NCSP team, Ministry of Health
- NCSP District Health Board cervical screening practitioners
- Independent Service providers providing support to screening services
- Primary health organisations
- Providers that had recorded results against this standard.

### **Main changes**

- Standard 1098 was replaced by new standard 29556 which better reflects the current practice from smear taking to cervical screening
- Standard 29556 includes the following new outcomes:
  - understanding of the NCSP
  - barriers to cervical screening and strategies to improve participation
  - reflective practice for candidate's future improvement
- The credit value has increased from 7 credits for standard 1098 to 10 credits for standard 29556.

**The Category C unit standard will expire at the end of December 2018.**

### **Impact on existing organisations with consent to assess**

| <b>Current consent for</b> |                             |              | <b>Consent extended to</b> |                             |              |
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| <b>Nature of consent</b>   | <b>Classification or ID</b> | <b>Level</b> | <b>Nature of consent</b>   | <b>Classification or ID</b> | <b>Level</b> |
| Standard                   | 1098                        | 6            | Standard                   | 29556                       | 6            |

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

All changes are in **bold**.

| <b>Key to review category</b> |                                                                                                                                       |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <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                                                                                              |

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| <b>ID</b>    | <b>Title</b>                                         | <b>Level</b> | <b>Credit</b> | <b>Review Category</b> |
|--------------|------------------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|------------------------|
| 1098         | Perform cervical screening and cervical smear taking | 6            | 7             | C                      |
| <b>29556</b> | <b>Conduct cervical screening</b>                    | <b>6</b>     | <b>10</b>     |                        |