

Field Community and Social Services**Review of *Allied Health Assistance* unit standards**

Subfield	Domain	ID
Health, Disability, and Aged Support	Allied Health Assistance	27448-27454

The Community Support Services ITO (Careerforce) has completed the review of the unit standards listed above.

Date new versions published

March 2016

Planned review date

December 2021

Summary

The review of the unit standards was carried out to update skill and knowledge requirements for dental assistants, and to align them with changing protocols.

The reviewed unit standards will be used to assess achievement of people employed as dental assistants in dental therapy or general dentistry settings.

Consultation on the changes was carried out with dental and oral health stakeholders.

Main changes

- The outcomes of unit standards 27449-27453 were re-grouped and merged, resulting in replacement standards 29395 and 29454.
- Unit standard 27454 was replaced by unit standard 29453, which has an additional outcome, a new title, and carries more credit.
- Purpose statements, explanatory notes, outcomes, evidence requirements and range statements were amended.

The last date for assessment of superseded versions of the standards is 31 December 2018. Results will not be accepted where the assessment date is after the last date for assessment of superseded versions of the standards.

Category C unit standards will expire at the end of December 2018**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

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ID	Title	Level	Credit	Review Category
27448	Allocate and record dental patient's appointments, and maintain dental patient's records	3	2	B
27449	Assist with dental radiography	3	3	C
27450	Prepare the dental surgery for oral health care procedures and assist with oral health care procedures	3	3	C
27451	Describe and apply infection prevention and control procedures in dental therapy and general dentistry	3	8	C
27452	Describe and apply infection prevention and control procedures in dental therapy and general dentistry	3	2	C
27453	Maintain materials for dental therapy and general dentistry and describe waste material disposal procedures	3	2	C
29395	Apply infection prevention and control in dentistry	3	10	
29454	Assist with oral health care procedures	3	10	
27454	Describe tooth notation and anatomy, dental caries, and periodontal disease	3	5	C
29453	Describe tooth notation and anatomy, dental caries, and periodontal disease; and chart teeth and restorations	3	7	