

Field Community and Social Services**Review of *Hearing Therapy* unit standards**

Subfield	Domain	ID
Community Support	Hearing Therapy	18599-18609, 18611, 18612, 19308, 23363, 23364

Careerforce has completed the review of the unit standards listed above.

Date new versions published

April 2017

Planned review date

December 2022

Summary

The standards reviewed have a focus on hearing therapy and have been used to assess learner achievement in the National Diploma in Hearing Therapy (Level 5) [Ref: 1007]. As a result of the targeted review of qualifications (Levels 1-6), this Level 5 diploma was replaced by the New Zealand Diploma in Hearing Therapy (Level 6) [Ref: 2859].

The review of the unit standards above was carried out in order to ensure that they are appropriate to be used for assessing learner achievement in a programme of industry training which will result in the award of the replacement Level 6 diploma. The reviewed standards were designated expiring.

New standards were developed to provide a more coherent grouping of knowledge. The new standards use terminology and language that will enable assessment against current and future protocols and equipment.

The level is higher and credit value greater for several new standards than for expiring standards with similar outcomes to more accurately reflect the level of achievement and the actual learning time taken for learners, as well as the incorporation of theory and practice integration requirements.

Consultation on the changes was carried out with key stakeholders.

Main changes

- 16 standards were designated expiring and will not be replaced.
- 12 new standards were developed, and listed in the *Hearing Therapy* domain within the *Health, Disability, and Aged Support* subfield.

Category D unit standards will expire at the end of December 2019

Impact on existing organisations with consent to assess

Current consent for			Consent extended to		
Nature of consent	Classification or ID	Level	Nature of consent	Classification or ID	Level
Subfield	Community Support	4 - 7	Subfield	Health, Disability, and Aged Support	Same
Domain	Community and Social Services > Community Support > Hearing Therapy	6	Domain	Community and Social Services > Health, Disability, and Aged Support > Hearing Therapy	6

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 Careerforce qualification is impacted by the outcome of this Review. The standards that generated the status *Affected* are listed in below.

Ref	Qualification Title	Classification or ID
1007	National Diploma in Hearing Therapy	18599-18609, 18611, 18612, 19308, 23363, 23364

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

All changes are in **bold**.

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ID	Title	Level	Credit	Review Category
18599	Demonstrate the function and application of hearing instruments and hearing aids	5	6	D
18600	Demonstrate the function and application of assistive devices for an adult with a hearing impairment	5	5	D
18601	Train adults with hearing impairment to maximise visual and auditory cues	6	10	D
18602	Teach an adult with a hearing impairment and associated others to use communication strategies	6	8	D
18603	Analyse the causes, effects, and management of tinnitus	5	7	D
18604	Demonstrate knowledge of hearing conservation	4	4	D
18605	Assess the needs of an adult with a hearing impairment and identify support services	5	6	D
18606	Carry out a hearing evaluation with an adult	5	8	D
18607	Develop, implement, and evaluate a rehabilitation plan for an adult with a hearing impairment	6	8	D
18608	Demonstrate an integration of hearing therapy theory with practice at an intermediate level	5	18	D
18609	Demonstrate an integration of hearing therapy theory with practice at an advanced level	6	14	D
18611	Explain and analyse speech production and speech perception in relation to hearing therapy	5	5	D
18612	Explain and analyse the issues relating to hearing impairment in the older person	5	6	D
19308	Engage in personal adjustment and informational counselling with an adult with hearing impairment	4	5	D
23363	Demonstrate knowledge of the causes, effects, and the medical management of hearing impairment	5	8	D
23364	Interpret supplied diagnostic audiograms and tympanograms	4	3	D

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30082	Carry out hearing evaluation, and interpret and act on the evaluation results and supplied diagnostic information	5	10	New
30083	Demonstrate knowledge of speech production and speech perception in relation to a person with hearing impairment	5	5	New
30084	Demonstrate knowledge of methods of hearing protection and the components of a workplace hearing conservation programme	5	4	New

30085	Demonstrate knowledge of hearing assistive technologies and teach their use for a person with hearing impairment	6	9	New
30086	Teach a person with hearing impairment, and their communication partners, to communicate effectively	6	26	New
30087	Provide management strategies for tinnitus, and demonstrate knowledge of Meniere's disease and hyperacusis	6	10	New
30088	Explain the anatomy and physiology of the ear; and the causes, effects, and medical management of hearing impairment	6	14	New
30089	Assess the communication capability of a person with hearing impairment, and the psychosocial impact of the impairment	6	14	New
30090	Demonstrate knowledge of professional practice, interpret legislation, and explain services relevant to hearing therapy	6	5	New
30091	Develop, implement and evaluate a rehabilitation plan for a person with hearing impairment, and communication partners	6	15	New
30092	Engage in informational counselling with a person with hearing impairment to assist them to identify impacts and goals	6	8	New
30093	Demonstrate knowledge of the communication needs of a person with hearing impairment and an additional challenge	6	6	New