

Field Community and Social Services

Review of *Mental Health and Addiction Support* unit standards

Subfield	Domain	ID
Health, Disability, and Aged Support	Mental Health and Addiction Support	26983, 26984, 26986, 26988, 26989, 27077

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

Date new versions published

July 2018

Planned review date

December 2023

Summary

The unit standards listed above were reviewed in consultation with key stakeholders to update guidance information and amend some terminology in line with current industry practice. As part of the review, all organisations with consent to assess against the standards being reviewed were invited to comment.

Main changes

- All titles were amended to align with current legislation, government policy and philosophical underpinnings of mental health and addiction support.
- Guidance information was updated.
- Terminology used in the standards, outcomes and performance criteria were amended to align with current practice within the mental health and addiction sector and philosophical underpinnings of mental health and addiction support.
- An additional outcome was added to unit 26986 to focus the knowledge component of this standard on current support provision within a historical context.
- In unit 26988, the three former outcomes were merged into two outcomes to clarify and remove overlap.

The last date for assessment of superseded versions of Category B unit standards is December 2019

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
26983	Describe and implement strategies for engaging with mental health and addiction service users and their natural supports Describe and implement strategies for engaging with a person accessing MHA services and their natural supports	4	6	B
26984	Describe mental health and addiction issues and the potential impact of co-existing problems Describe mental health and addiction issues, and the potential impact of co-existing issues	4	5	B
26986	Describe the mental health and addiction sector in New Zealand and carry out delegated tasks of own role in the sector Describe the mental health and addiction sectors in New Zealand and carry out the role of an MHA support worker	4	8	B
26988	Describe mental health and addiction issues at different life stages and support a service user at one life stage Describe contributors to, and the impact of, MHA issues on human development and support a person accessing MHA services	4	8	B
26989	Support mental health and addiction service users to maintain wellness Support a person accessing mental health or addiction services to develop, follow and review a wellbeing support plan	4	8	B
27077	Describe approaches to, and models of, addiction intervention, and contribute to the application of one model Describe approaches to, and models of, addiction treatment, and explain and apply an approach for a selected model	4	6	B