

Field **Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries****Review of *Animal Care* unit standards**

Subfield	Domain	ID
Animal Care and Handling	Animal Care	5148, 5149, 5180, 5189, 7337, 19894, 21380, 21381

The Primary ITO has completed the review of the unit standards listed above.

Date new versions published

October 2018

Planned review date

December 2023

Summary

Primary ITO has reviewed a number of unit standards to better reflect the requirements of outcomes listed in the New Zealand Certificate in Animal Care [Ref: 2487], Companion Animals strand, and to align these unit standards to current workplace practices in animal care facilities.

There are a number of organisations with consent to assess for these unit standards, however, use of current unit standards has been significantly declining since 2012. Organisations with consent to assess, including schools, as well as industry stakeholders had the opportunity to review the relevant unit standards and offer feedback. Consultation was conducted by phone from February to June 2018, and then by email in July 2008. Feedback was actioned where appropriate.

Main changes

- Eight unit standards were reviewed to reflect current industry practices;
- Four unit standards were developed to reflect current workplace practices and meet the graduate outcomes of the qualification;
- Unit 21381 was designated expiring as the outcomes changed significantly which necessitated a replacement unit standard; level was increased in the replacement unit standard to reflect the complexity of outcomes;
- Levels and/or credits were changed for unit standards 5148, 5149, 5180, 7337, and 19894 to reflect the time taken to learn, practice and be assessed against the outcomes (credits), and to better reflect the complexity of outcomes (level).

The Category C unit standard will expire at the end of December 2019

The last date for assessment of superseded versions of Category B unit standards is December 2019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
Field	Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries	2	Standards	5148, 5149, 5180, 7337, 31504	3
Domain	Animal Care	2	Standards	5148, 5149, 5180, 7337, 31504	3
Standard	21381	2	Standard	31504	3

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
5148	Monitor health and provide husbandry for cats Identify, handle, and care for cats	2 3	5 4	B
5149	Monitor health and provide husbandry for rodents and rabbits Monitor health and provide husbandry for rabbits and rodents	2 3	4 6	B
5180	Demonstrate knowledge of the anatomy and physiology of animals Demonstrate knowledge of companion animal anatomy, cells, body tissues and systems	2 3	10 6	B
5189	Follow safe working practices and standards in the animal facility Demonstrate and apply knowledge of health and safety in an animal facility	3	4	B
7337	Monitor health and provide husbandry for dogs Identify, handle, and care for dogs	2 3	5 4	B
19894	Demonstrate knowledge of zoonoses and their control Describe zoonoses, notifiable exotic zoonoses, and their control, in New Zealand	3 3	3 5	B
21380	Demonstrate and apply knowledge relating to animal facility environmental hygiene Describe animal facility environmental hygiene and carry out hygienic practices	3	5	B
21381	Demonstrate knowledge of ethical behaviour in relation to animals	2	3	C
31504	Describe and apply the Animal Welfare Act 1999 for animals in an animal facility	3	3	
31500	Describe and apply emergency care of injured animal patients	3	10	New
31501	Describe cat feeding, health, and housing, and carry out routine health procedures	3	7	New
31502	Describe dog feeding, health, and housing, and carry out routine health procedures	3	7	New
31503	Carry out companion animal examination, record and report observations, and describe temperature, pulse and respiration	3	4	New