Field Arts and Crafts

Review of *Music Technology* unit standards

Subfield	Domain	ID
Music	Music Technology	23730, 27656, 27657, 27658

NZQA National Qualifications Services (NQS) has completed the review of the unit standards listed above.

Date new versions published

Planned review date

December 2020

December 2025

Summary

This review was undertaken as part of the planned cycle of review of NQS unit standards.

A review panel comprising the national moderator and music technology experts from secondary schools and the wider sector was convened to review four unit standards with graded assessment criteria.

In response to initial feedback, the panel developed a new set of seven graded unit standards that focus on musical creativity and real-world application across genres and which require demonstration of a greater range of techniques using music technology equipment. Assessment support materials (ASMs) have been developed to show how the merit and excellence grades in these unit standards can be assessed.

National consultation on the draft standards was conducted throughout August 2020 via the consultation section of the NZQA website. Education organisations who had reported results against these standards were contacted directly via email and invited to provide feedback on the reviewed standards.

Main changes

- Standards 23730, 27656, and 27658 were each replaced with two new standards. The new standards separate assessments creating sequences using music technology equipment from those that involve using music notation software. This separation better serves the needs of learners who choose to specialise in a single area.
- Standard 27657 title and content were amended to better reflect its intended purpose, but overall outcome remains the same.
- The standards were moved to the current template.

Category C unit standards will expire at the end of December 2022

The last date for assessment of superseded versions of Category B unit standards is December 2022

Impact on existing organisations with consent to assess

Current consent for		Consent extended to			
Nature of	Classification or ID	Level	Nature of consent	Classification or ID	Level
consent					
Standard	23730	3	Standards	32304, 32305	3
Standard	27656	1	Standards	32300, 32301	1
Standard	27658	2	Standards	32302, 32303	2

Detailed list of unit standards - classification, title, level, and credits

All changes are in **bold**.

Ke	y to review category
Α	Dates changed, but no other changes are made - the new version of the standard carries the
	same ID and a new version number
В	Changes made, but the overall outcome remains the same - the new version of the standard
	carries the same ID and a new version number
С	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
23730	Operate music sequencing, editing, and music notation application(s)		8	С
32304	Operate a music sequencing application	3	4	
32305	Operate a music notation application	3	4	
27656	Demonstrate and apply introductory knowledge of music technology equipment and techniques	1	4	С
32300	Demonstrate and apply introductory knowledge of MIDI sequencing	1	2	
32301	Demonstrate and apply introductory knowledge of a music notation application	1	2	
27657	Demonstrate knowledge of the development and usage of music technology equipment and techniques Demonstrate knowledge of the development and usage of music technology, techniques, and associated equipment	2	4	В
27658	Demonstrate and apply knowledge of electronic music production and music notation application(s)	2	4	С
32302	Apply knowledge of MIDI sequencing	2	3	
32303	Apply knowledge of a music notation application	2	3	