

Field **Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries**

Review of *Sports Turf* unit standards

Subfield	Domain	ID
Sports Turf	Sports Turf Management	21449, 30588, 30589, 30593
	Sports Turf Weeds and Pests	21450

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

Date new versions published

January 2021

Planned review date

December 2025

Summary

The review commenced in September 2020 to incorporate any changes required to meet current industry requirements.

This set of Level 5 unit standards was reviewed by the Working Group during September and October along with the Level 3 and Level 4 unit standards.

Level 5 unit standards were then prioritised for finalising and submission to NZQA as they are needed for use in a Level 5 programme leading to the New Zealand Certificate in Horticulture Services (Level 5) Sports Turf strand [Ref: 2675]. This programme is in the final stages of development. There has been no usage of these unit standards up to now as there was no approved programme.

The Level 5 units were sent out to key industry stakeholders and consent to assess holders by email in November 2020.

Feedback was discussed with key industry stakeholders and changes were incorporated where appropriate. The updated unit standards were finalised in late November 2020.

Main changes

- A new unit standard on nutrient management was developed as the skills and knowledge were not covered in existing unit standards.
- Credits for unit standard 30593 were reduced to better reflect the time taken to learn and be assessed against the skills and knowledge in the unit standard, and the title was amended to match the content.
- Minor title change for standard 30588 to remove a comma.

The last date for assessment of superseded versions of Category B unit standards is December 2022

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
21449	Design pest and disease control programmes for sports turf surfaces	5	8	B
30588	Appraise sports turf enterprise fixed asset needs, and identify and select solutions Appraise sports turf enterprise fixed asset needs and identify and select solutions	5	15	B
30589	Benchmark a sports turf surface, and develop, implement and monitor a turf management plan	5	15	B
30593	Develop and manage a plan for a sports turf enterprise Develop, implement, and monitor a plan for a sports turf enterprise	5	20 15	B
32329	Describe soil and foliar testing, and develop a nutrient management and annual fertiliser plan for a selected turf area	5	5	New

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ID	Title	Level	Credit	Review Category
21450	Design and implement a weed control programme for a sports turf surface	5	8	B