

## Field: Massage

### Change report for the review of Massage New Zealand Qualifications

#### Reviewed qualifications

[Ref]	Version	Qualification title	Level	Credits
2740	1	New Zealand Diploma in Wellness and Relaxation Massage	5	120
2741	1	New Zealand Diploma in Remedial Massage	6	120

#### Review information

<b>Qualification Developer</b>	Massage New Zealand (MNZ)
<b>Reason for the review</b>	<b>Scheduled review</b>
<b>Review date</b>	December 2020
<b>Outcome date</b>	April 2022
<b>Next review date</b>	<b>April 2027</b>

#### Summary of review and consultation process

This review was undertaken with the support of stakeholders. Consultation included Members of the MNZ Executive Committee – Education Sub-committee and a Working Group including representatives of Education Providers of Massage Therapy throughout New Zealand.

The qualifications were updated to ensure they remain fit for purpose and reflect current qualification requirements.

#### Main changes resulting from the review

Summary of changes to both qualifications:

- Graduate Profile updated, including additional qualification outcomes and credits allocated accordingly. No change to overall qualification credits.
- General Conditions for programmes updated, including:
  - Honouring Te Tiriti o Waitangi.
  - Embracing cultural responsiveness and safety in remedial massage.
  - Reflecting knowledge of multicultural practice.
  - *Breadth of Practice* (within Massage New Zealand Scope of Practice):

Specific changes to New Zealand Diploma in Wellness and Relaxation Massage (Level 5) [Ref: 2740]

- Addition of a graduate outcome

Specific changes to New Zealand Diploma in Remedial Massage (Level 6) [Ref: 2741]

- General Conditions of Program updated to require inclusion of examples of Kaupapa Maori Research and Western-based Research models when exploring remedial massage that are used to inform a case-study.
- Addition of a graduate outcome.

## Review outcome

Reference	Version	Reviewed qualification	Outcome category	New qualification details/version (if applicable)
2740	1	New Zealand Diploma in Wellness and Relaxation Massage	<i>B-New version of qualification</i>	2740-2
2741	1	New Zealand Diploma in Remedial Massage	<i>B-New version of qualification</i>	2741-2

## Qualification review outcome categories

Outcome	Result	Category
No changes are identified to the qualification	Qualification version number and NZQF ID remain the same. New review date is required.	A
Minor changes are identified to the qualification	New version of qualification is required (NZQF ID remains the same).New review date is required.	B
Significant changes are required to the qualification	New replacement qualification is required with a new NZQF ID. The existing qualification will expire.	C
The qualification is no longer required by industry	The qualification will expire with no replacement.	D

## Transition information

Reference	Version	Qualification title	Last date of entry*	Last date of assessment
2740	1	New Zealand Diploma in Wellness and Relaxation Massage	N/A	30/04/2024
2741	1	New Zealand Diploma in Remedial Massage	N/A	30/04/2024

\*only required for outcome category C or D

### **Any additional information**

It is the intention of that Massage New Zealand that no existing trainee should be disadvantaged by these transition arrangements. Any person who considers they have been disadvantaged may appeal to:

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