

Field **Humanities**

Review of *Cook Islands Tradition and Culture* unit standards

Subfield	Domain	ID
Pacific Studies	Cook Islands Tradition and Culture	28040, 28041, 28042

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

Date new versions published

March 2022

Planned review date

December 2026

Summary

The unit standards were due for review as part of the NQS regular review cycle.

NQS received feedback from teachers using the standards in the Cook Islands who advised the following.

1. The standards at all three levels were similar, and students were not given scope to differentiate learning across the three levels.
2. The standards were limiting in terms of the time period specified (prior to the introduction of Christianity) and the aspects of culture that the students could select. For example, In Level 3, students are given only given three choices.
3. That new standards should be developed to reflect the practical participation of students in the community and their ability to demonstrate their knowledge of culture in their personal context; and that the scope and mode of the presentation allow for more performance opportunities.

Main changes

- The classification of the standards has changed from *Cook Islands Tradition and Culture* to *Cook Islands Cultural Studies*.
- Unit standards 28040, 28041 and 28042 were replaced by unit standards 32980, 32981 and 32982 respectively.

Category C unit standards will expire at the end of December 2023

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
Standard	28040	1	Standard	32980	1
	28041	2		32981	2
	28042	3		32982	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	Domain	Title	Level	Credit	Review Category
28040	Cook Islands Tradition and Culture	Investigate and present findings on Cook Islands' traditional knowledge and practice within the family	1	8	C
32980	Cook Islands Cultural Studies	Investigate and present an aspect of Cook Islands' culture	1	8	New
28041	Cook Islands Tradition and Culture	Investigate and present detailed findings on Cook Islands' traditional knowledge and practice within the village	2	8	C
32981	Cook Islands Cultural Studies	Explore and present personal connections to an aspect of Cook Islands' culture	2	8	New
28042	Cook Islands Tradition and Culture	Investigate and present comprehensive findings on Cook Islands' traditional knowledge and practice within the island	3	8	C
32982	Cook Islands Cultural Studies	Analyse and present an aspect of Cook Islands' culture that is contributing to a sustainable future	3	8	New