Field   **Humanities**

Review of *English Language* unit standards

Subfield	Domain	ID
Languages	English Language	27996–28001, 28062, 28068–28070, 30978–31021, 31023-31030, 31033, 31035, 31036, 31040, 31041, 31044, 31046

NZQA National Qualifications Services has completed the review of the English Language unit standards listed above.

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Summary

NZQA National Qualifications Services reviewed the above English language unit standards as part of their regular quality assurance cycle. The review was led by a Review Advisory Group (RAG) which was convened in December 2022 and conducted by a working group throughout 2023, with representation from the Ministry of Education (ESOL, Refugee and Migrant Education), TESOLANZ (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages Aotearoa New Zealand), secondary schools, PTEs, polytechnics, the NZCEL (New Zealand Certificates in English Language) Providers Forum and the NZQA English language national moderator.

They were chosen not only for their expertise, but also for their ability to consult with the sector they represent This review involved extensive consultation with stakeholders, through engagement with all parts of the English language sector, prior to and throughout the review process, to identify and respond to sector needs and the diversity of English language learners.

Main changes
- All standards amended to include English language within the titles.
- The assessment demand in some standards was reduced to better reflect the range of learning contexts.
- Pre-requisites were removed from all standards.
- References to specific CEFR levels were removed.
- Guidance information references *supporting documents* replaced the reference to the *NZCEL Guiding Document*. These will include guidelines relating to appropriate texts, task specifications and assessment conditions for each level.
- Unit standard 30996 was set to expire due to low usage.
- Unit standard 41041 credit value was reduced to better reflect the notional hours required.
- Guidelines for preparing submission for moderation were included in the guidance information.
- Links to supporting resources were updated.

Category D unit standards will expire at the end of December 2027

The last date for assessment of superseded versions of Category B unit standards is December 2026

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

Listening Standards

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ID	Title	Level	Credit	Review Category
30978	Demonstrate understanding of basic spoken texts in common everyday situations (EL Foundation) **Listen to and understand basic English language spoken texts in common everyday situations**	1	10	B
30979	Demonstrate understanding of simple spoken texts in everyday situations (EL) **Listen to and understand simple English language spoken texts in everyday situations**	1	10	B
30980	Demonstrate understanding of a straightforward spoken text on a familiar topic (EL) **Listen to and understand a straightforward English language spoken text on a familiar topic**	2	5	B
30981	Demonstrate understanding of a moderately complex spoken text in an applied context (EL) **Listen to and understand a moderately complex English language spoken text in an applied context**	3	5	B
30982	Demonstrate understanding of a spoken text on a familiar topic (EL) **Listen to and understand an English language spoken text on a familiar topic**	3	5	B
30983	Demonstrate understanding of basic spoken instructions in common everyday situations (EL Foundation) **Listen to and understand basic English language spoken instructions in common everyday situations**	1	5	B
30984	Demonstrate understanding of simple spoken instructions in everyday situations (EL) **Listen to and understand simple English language spoken instructions in everyday situations**	1	5	B
30985	Demonstrate understanding of straightforward spoken instructions in a familiar context (EL) **Listen to and understand straightforward English language spoken instructions in a familiar context**	2	5	B
30986	Demonstrate understanding of moderately complex spoken instructions in an applied context (EL) **Listen to and understand moderately complex English language spoken instructions in an applied context**	3	5	B
30987	Demonstrate understanding of spoken instructions in a familiar context (EL) **Listen to and understand English language spoken instructions in a familiar context**	3	5	B

ID	Title	Level	Credit	Review Category
30988	Demonstrate understanding of a straightforward spoken interaction on a familiar topic (EL) **Listen to and understand a straightforward English language spoken interaction on a familiar topic**	2	5	B
30989	Demonstrate understanding of a moderately complex spoken interaction in an applied context (EL) **Listen to and understand a moderately complex English language spoken interaction in an applied context**	3	5	B
30990	Demonstrate understanding of a spoken interaction in a familiar context (EL) **Listen to and understand an English language spoken interaction in a familiar context**	3	5	B
30991	Demonstrate understanding of formal spoken texts in an academic context (EL) **Listen to and understand formal English language spoken texts in an academic context**	4	10	B
30992	Demonstrate understanding of complex spoken texts (EL) **Listen to and understand complex English language spoken texts**	4	15	B

Reading Standards
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ID	Title	Level	Credit	Review Category
30993	Read and understand words and phrases in common everyday texts (EL Foundation) **Read and understand basic English language words and phrases in a common everyday written text**	1	5	B
30994	Read and understand simple texts in everyday contexts (EL) **Read and understand a simple English language written text in an everyday context**	1	5	B
30995	Read and understand a straightforward text on a familiar topic (EL) **Read and understand a straightforward English language written text on a familiar topic**	2	5	B
30996	Read and understand a moderately complex text in an applied context (EL)	3	5	D
30997	Read and understand a text on a familiar topic (EL) **Read and understand an English language written text on a familiar topic**	3	5	B
30998	Read and understand moderately complex texts in an academic context (EL) **Read and understand a moderately complex English language academic written text**	4 4	10 **5**	B
30999	Read and understand moderately complex texts (EL) **Read and understand moderately complex English language written texts**	4	10	B

ID	Title	Level	Credit	Review Category
31000	Read and understand very basic information for common everyday practical purposes (EL Foundation) **Read and understand basic English language written information for common everyday practical purposes**	1	10	B
31001	Read and understand simple texts for everyday practical purposes (EL) **Read and understand a simple English language written text for an everyday practical purpose**	1	5	B
31002	Read and understand a straightforward text for a routine practical purpose (EL) **Read and understand a straightforward English language written text for a routine practical purpose**	2	5	B
31003	Read and understand a text for a practical purpose in an applied context (EL) **Read and understand an English language written text for a practical purpose in an applied context**	3	5	B
31004	Read and understand a text for a practical purpose (EL) **Read and understand an English language written text for a practical purpose**	3	5	B
31005	Read and understand a range of simple written texts independently (EL) **Read and understand a range of simple English language written texts independently**	1	5	B
31006	Read and understand a range of straightforward written texts independently (EL) **Read and understand a range of straightforward English language written texts independently**	2	5	B
31007	Read and make connections across a range of written texts independently in an applied context (EL) **Read and make connections independently across moderately complex English language written texts in an applied context**	3	5	B
31008	Read and understand a range of written texts independently (EL) **Read and understand a range of English language written texts independently**	3	5	B
31009	Read and evaluate a range of extended written texts independently for an academic research topic (EL) **Read and evaluate a range of extended English language written texts independently for an academic research question**	4	5	B
31010	Read and make connections across a range of extended written texts independently in an employment context (EL) **Read and make connections across extended English language written texts independently in an employment context**	4	5	B
31011	Read and understand a range of extended written texts independently (EL) **Read and understand a range of extended English language written texts independently**	4	5	B

Speaking standards
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ID	Title	Level	Credit	Review Category
28062	Participate in a formal interview (EL) **Participate in a formal interview in English language**	3	5	B
31012	Participate in basic everyday spoken interactions (EL Foundation) **Participate in basic everyday spoken interactions in English language**	1	10	B
31013	Participate in simple everyday spoken interactions (EL) **Participate in simple everyday spoken interactions in English language**	1	10	B
31014	Participate in a straightforward spoken interaction on a familiar topic (EL) **Participate in a straightforward spoken interaction on a familiar topic in English language**	2	5	B
31015	Participate in a spoken interaction in an applied context (EL) **Participate in a moderately complex spoken interaction in an applied context in English language**	3	5	B
31016	Participate in a spoken interaction on a familiar topic (EL) **Participate in a spoken interaction on a familiar topic in English language**	3	5	B
31017	Participate in sustained discussions in an academic context (EL) **Participate in sustained discussions in English language in an academic context**	4	10	B
31018	Negotiate a complex spoken transaction in an employment context (EL) **Negotiate a complex spoken transaction in an employment context in English language**	4	5	B
31019	Participate in sustained spoken interactions (EL) **Participate in sustained spoken interactions in English language**	4	10	B
31020	Participate in an interview on a familiar topic (EL) **Participate in an interview on a familiar topic in English language**	2	5	B
31021	Participate in a formal interview in an applied context (EL) **Participate in a formal interview in an applied context in English language**	3	5	B
31023	Participate in a formal interview in an employment context (EL) **Participate in a sustained formal interview in English language**	4	5	B
31024	Present basic information on an everyday personal topic (EL Foundation) **Present basic information on an everyday personal topic in English language**	1	5	B
31025	Present simple information on an everyday familiar topic (EL) **Present simple information on an everyday familiar topic in English language**	1	5	B

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31026	Present information on a familiar topic (EL) **Present information on a familiar topic in English language**	2	5	B
31027	Deliver a developed presentation on a familiar topic (EL) **Deliver a developed presentation on a familiar topic in English language**	3	5	B
31028	Present workplace information to a specified audience (EL) **Present workplace information to a specified audience in English language**	4	5	B
31029	Deliver a developed and sustained presentation (EL) **Deliver a developed and sustained presentation in English language**	4	5	B

Writing Standards

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ID	Title	Level	Credit	Review Category
27996	Write simple texts on everyday topics (EL) **Write a simple text on an everyday topic in English language**	1	5	B
27997	Write simple texts for practical everyday purposes (EL) **Write a simple text for a practical everyday purpose in English language**	1	5	B
27998	Complete simple forms with personal information (EL) **Complete a simple form with personal information in English language**	1	5	B
27999	Write a simple connected text on a familiar topic (EL) **Write a simple connected text on a familiar topic in English language**	2	5	B
28000	Write a simple text for a practical purpose (EL) **Write a simple text for a practical purpose in English language**	2	5	B
28001	Complete a form (EL) **Complete a form in English language**	2	5	B
28068	Write a connected text on a familiar topic (EL) **Write a connected text on a familiar topic in English language**	3	5	B
28069	Write a text for a practical purpose (EL) **Write a text for a practical purpose in English language**	3	5	B
28070	Write a response for a specific purpose (EL) **Write a response for a specific purpose in English language**	3	5	B
31030	Write phrases and simple sentences on personal topics (EL Foundation) **Write phrases and simple sentences on a personal topic in English language**	1	5	B
31033	Write a clear connected text in an applied context (EL) **Write a clear connected text in an applied context in English language**	3	5	B
31035	Write moderately complex texts on general topics (EL) **Write moderately complex texts on general topics in English language**	4	15	B

ID	Title	Level	Credit	Review Category
31036	Complete basic forms with personal information (EL Foundation) **Complete a basic form with personal information in English language**	1	5	B
31040	Write an evaluation for a specific purpose in an academic context (EL) **Write an evaluation for a specific purpose in an academic context in English language**	4	5	B
31041	Write basic texts for practical purposes relevant to self (EL Foundation) **Write a basic text for a practical purpose related to personal need in English language.**	1 1	10 **5**	B
31044	Write a text for a practical purpose in an applied context (EL) **Write a text for a practical purpose in an applied context in English language.**	3	5	B
31046	Write a range of texts for practical purposes in an employment context (EL) **Write a range of texts for practical purposes in an employment context in English Language**	4	15	B