

Field Community and Social Services**Review of *Hearing Therapy* unit standards**

Subfield	Domain	ID
Health, Disability, and Aged Support	Hearing Therapy	30082-30093

Toitū te Waiora Community, Health, Education and Social Services Workforce Development Council has completed the review of twelve unit standards, listed below.

Date new versions published

September 2024

Planned review date

December 2029

Summary

Following review of the New Zealand Diploma in Hearing Therapy (Level 6) [Ref: 2859] in 2023, Toitū te Waiora subsequently reviewed 12 Hearing Therapy unit standards used to assess in programmes leading to the qualification. This was to ensure they remain fit-for-purpose and continue to meet the needs of the hearing therapy sector.

Main changes

- The standards have been updated to reflect NZQA's latest template.
- Standard titles have been changed where necessary.
- References have been updated where necessary.
- 'Deficit' language has been removed.
- References to Hearing Therapy technologies have been updated.
- Various iterative changes have been made to performance criteria wording.

The last date of assessment for superseded versions of category B unit standards is 31 December 2025.

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
30082	Carry out hearing evaluation, and interpret and act on the evaluation results and supplied diagnostic information	5	10	B
30083	Demonstrate knowledge of speech production and speech perception in relation to a person with hearing impairment Explain speech production and speech perception in relation to a person impacted by hearing loss	5	5	B

ID	Title	Level	Credit	Review category
30084	Demonstrate knowledge of methods of hearing protection and the components of a workplace hearing conservation programme Explain methods of hearing protection and the components of a workplace hearing conservation programme	5	4	B
30085	Demonstrate knowledge of hearing assistive technologies and teach their use for a person with hearing impairment Demonstrate knowledge of hearing assistive technologies and teach their use for a person impacted by hearing loss	6	9	B
30086	Teach a person with hearing impairment, and their communication partners, to communicate effectively Teach a person impacted by hearing loss, and their communication partners, to communicate effectively	6	26	B
30087	Provide management strategies for tinnitus, and demonstrate knowledge of Meniere's disease and hyperacusis Explain possible causes and impacts of tinnitus, Meniere's disease and hyperacusis, and strategies for their management	6	10	B
30088	Explain the anatomy and physiology of the ear; and the causes, effects, and medical management of hearing impairment Explain the anatomy and physiology of the ear; and the causes, types, effects, and medical management of hearing loss	6	14	B
30089	Assess the communication capability of a person with hearing impairment, and the psychosocial impact of the impairment Assess the communication capability of a person impacted by hearing loss and the psychosocial impact of the loss	6	14	B
30090	Demonstrate knowledge of professional practice, interpret legislation, and explain services relevant to hearing therapy Explain professional practice principles, interpret legislation, and identify and analyse services for hearing therapy	6	5	B
30091	Develop, implement and evaluate a rehabilitation plan for a person with hearing impairment, and communication partners Develop and implement a rehabilitation plan for a person impacted by hearing loss, and their communication partner(s)	6	15	B
30092	Engage in informational counselling with a person with hearing impairment to assist them to identify impacts and goals Engage in informational counselling with a person impacted by hearing loss to assist them to identify impacts and goals	6	8	B
30093	Demonstrate knowledge of the communication needs of a person with hearing impairment and an additional challenge Demonstrate knowledge of the communication needs of a person impacted by hearing loss and an additional	6	6	B

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