

Review of *Environment Māori* unit standards

Subfield	Domain	ID
Environment Māori	Māori Environmental Management	16346, 26728, 32430
	Māori Environmental Practices	6137, 6139, 15987, 15988, 15990, 15991, 19670

The NZQA Maori Qualifications Services has completed the review the unit standards listed above.

Date new versions published

June 2025

Planned review date

December 2030

Summary

As a result of the planned standards review cycle, Maori Qualifications Services in conjunction with the Whakaruruhau, reviewed the *Environment Māori* unit standards (Domains - *Māori Environmental Management*, *Māori Environmental Practices*) to ensure they remain fit for purpose and meet the aspirations and needs of ākonga, as well as whānau, hapū, and iwi. Ten unit standards were reviewed.

Main changes

Other main changes that were made to the standards include the following:

- Credits have been either increased or decreased for some standards to better reflect the time needed to complete their requirements.
- Standards 26728 and 32430 have been lowered from Level 4 to Level 3. With little or no usage, the Whakaruruhau considered these standards would be more appealing to be delivered at Level 3. Minimal change was required to scale the content, knowledge, skills, and application to a Level 3 standard.
- Standard 19670 Level 1 - The Whakaruruhau considered the knowledge, skills, and application of Outcome 2 would be better placed at Level 2. A new Level 2 standard was developed with the outcome 2 content. Outcome 1 would remain the same but as a new standard with new identification number and the standard would act as a pathway to the new Level 2 standard. Credits decreased from 2 to 1 to reflect the decrease in requirements. Standard 19670 was set to expire.
- Standard 16346 - The Whakaruruhau considered that as the Resource Management Act is undergoing significant reforms this standard will remain unchanged at this time.
- Minor wording changes have been made to some outcomes and performance criteria for relevancy, consistency and to provide clarity for ākonga and kaiako.
- Guidance Information has been updated and some definitions added.
- Grammatical errors have been corrected.

Category C unit standard 19670 will expire at the end of December 2026.

The last date for assessment of superseded versions of Category B unit standards is December 2027.

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	19670	1	Standard	33487	1
Standard	19670	1	Standard	33486	2

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

Māori > Environment Māori > Māori Environmental Management

ID	Title	Level	Credit	Review Category
16346	Explain the Resource Management Act 1991 and its provision for Māori	3	6	A
26728	Explain the environmental effects of industries on natural resources and Māori	4 3	4	B
32430	Describe the environmental implications in the exercise of Māori customary fishing rights Describe the environmental benefits in the exercise of Māori customary fishing rights	4 3	3 4	B

Māori > Environment Māori > Māori Environmental Practices

ID	Title	Level	Credit	Review Category
6137	Describe tapu, noa, and mana in relation to the way Māori interact with te taiao	1	3	B
6139	Describe aroha in relation to the way Māori interact with te taiao	1	2 3	B
15987	Explain tikanga Māori for the use of rākau Māori in clothing, whare, waka and implements Describe and explain tikanga Māori for the use of rākau Māori in clothing, whare, waka and implements	2	3 4	B
15988	Demonstrate knowledge of tikanga for the preparation of mahinga kai Identify and describe traditional kai Māori and tikanga for the preparation of mahinga kai	1	2 3	B
15990	Demonstrate knowledge of a native bird and its significance to Māori Describe the importance and significance of a native bird to Māori	1	4	B
15991	Explain the importance of one native insect to Māori in a local context Describe the importance of one native insect to Māori in a local context	1	2	B

ID	Title	Level	Credit	Review Category
19670	Describe the role of, and interactions between atua Māori in te taiao	1	2	C
33466	Describe associated tikanga of atua Māori in te taiao	2	1	
33487	Describe the role of atua Māori in te taiao	1	1	