

Fields **Engineering and Technology, Humanities, Sciences and Social Sciences**

Review and Maintenance Process of *Level 3 Achievement Standards*

Subfield	Domain	ID
Health and Physical Education	Health Education	91462
Science	Earth and Space Science	91413, 91414
Social Science Studies	History	91434
	Social Studies	91597, 91600
Technology	Design and Visual Communication	91627

The Ministry of Education has completed the review of the achievement standards listed above.

Date new versions published

December 2025

Planned review date

December 2029

Summary

As part of the RAMP process for 2025, these seven Level 3 achievement standards were identified by the MoE and NZQA as needing review for implementation in 2026.

Main changes

- Wording changes were made to assessment criteria and explanatory notes for clarity and interpretation. Evidence such as skewed data, sector feedback, or NZQA moderation processes indicated changes were required.

The last date for assessment of superseded versions of Category B unit standards is 31 December 2025

Impact on Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR)

None.

Detailed list of achievement 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

Engineering and Technology > Technology > Design and Visual Communication

Subject Reference: Design and Visual Communication

ID	Ref	Title	Level	Credit	Review Category
91627	3.30	Initiate design ideas through exploration	3	4	B

Humanities > Health and Physical Education

Subject Reference: Health Education

ID	Ref	Title	Level	Credit	Review Category
91462	3.2	Analyse an international health issue	3	5	B

Sciences > Science > Earth and Space Science

Subject Reference: Earth and Space Science

ID	Ref	Title	Level	Credit	Review Category
91413	3.4	Demonstrate understanding of processes in the ocean system	3	4	B
91414	3.5	Demonstrate understanding of processes in the atmosphere system	3	4	B

Sciences > Social Science Studies > History

Subject Reference: History

ID	Ref	Title	Level	Credit	Review Category
91434	3.1	Research an historical event or place of significance to New Zealanders, using primary and secondary sources	3	5	B

Sciences > Social Science Studies > Social Studies

Subject Reference: Social Studies

ID	Ref	Title	Level	Credit	Review Category
91597	3.2	Conduct a critical social inquiry	3	6	B
91600	3.5	Examine a campaign of social action(s) to influence policy change(s)	3	4	B