

Fields Humanities, and Sciences

Review of *Interpersonal Communications* unit standard 9691 and *Science – Core* unit standard 8441

Subfield	Domain	ID
Communication Skills	Interpersonal Communications	9691
Science	Science - Core	8441

Waihanga Ara Rau Construction and Infrastructure Workforce Development Council has reinstated and revised the unit standards listed above.

Date new versions published

October 2025

Planned review date

December 2027

Summary

Unit standards 9691 and 8441 were set to expire in December 2025. However, they are needed in two programmes with learners currently enrolled. The programmes lead to the New Zealand Certificate in Civil Engineering Laboratory (Level 4) with strands in Aggregate, Asphalt, Bitumen, Concrete, Field Investigations, and Soil [Ref: 2692], and the New Zealand Diploma in Infrastructure Asset Management (Level 6) [Ref: 3180].

After discussions with the provider, industry groups, and NZQA in August 2025, Waihanga Ara Rau has reinstated and revised these unit standards to allow time for the review of the associated qualifications and the development of replacement skill standards. Stakeholders supported these changes, and the unit standards are now fit for purpose.

Main changes

- The review date was set at 31 December 2027 for both unit standards.
- The standard setting body was changed from National Qualification Services to Waihanga Ara Rau Construction and Infrastructure Workforce Development Council.

Unit standard 9691

- Title and outcome statements were amended to include 'infrastructure asset management'.
- Classification was changed from *Humanities* > *Communication Skills* > *Interpersonal Communications* to *Engineering and Technology* > *Infrastructure Civil Engineering* > *Infrastructure Asset Management*.
- Definition of the term *group-think* was added in Guidance Information section.
- The Last Date for Assessment for versions 7 and 8 was amended from 31 December 2025 to 31 December 2027. The Last Date for Assessment for version 9 was amended from 31 December 2025 to N/A.

Unit standard 8441

- Title and outcome statements were amended to include 'civil engineering laboratory'.
- Classification was changed from *Sciences* > *Science* > *Science – Core* to *Engineering and Technology* > *Infrastructure Civil Engineering* > *Infrastructure Laboratory*.
- Australian/New Zealand Standard NZS ISO/IEC 17025 version was updated.
- The Last Date for Assessment for versions 5 - 8 was amended from 31 December 2025 to 31 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
Field	Sciences	5-7	Standard	8441	5
Subfield	Science	5-6	Standard	8441	5
Subfield	Communication Skills	5-8	Standard	9691	5
Domain	Interpersonal Communications	5, 6, 8	Standard	9691	5

Impact on Consent and Moderation Requirements

- The Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) references were changed from 0113 to 0120.

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

Humanities > Communication Skills > Interpersonal Communications

Engineering and Technology > Infrastructure Civil Engineering > Infrastructure Asset Management

ID	Title	Level	Credit	Review Category
9691	Demonstrate knowledge of group processes Demonstrate knowledge of group processes in infrastructure asset management	5	5	B

Sciences > Science > Science – Core

Engineering and Technology > Infrastructure Civil Engineering > Infrastructure Laboratory

ID	Title	Level	Credit	Review Category
8441	Describe laboratory quality systems Describe quality systems in a civil engineering laboratory	5	4	B