

Field **Humanities**

Rollover and Revision of Pacific Studies unit standards

Subfield	Domain	ID
Pacific Studies	Niue Tradition and Culture	21313, 21315 – 21322
	Pacific Change and Development	17165 – 17167
	Pacific Indigenous Knowledge	17162 – 17164, 26538 – 26540
	Pacific Societies	17168 – 17170

The NZQA National Qualifications Services (NQS) has completed the rollover and revision of the unit standards listed above.

Date new versions published

January 2026

Planned review date

December 2030

Summary

The standards were due for a review as part of their scheduled maintenance cycle. The review date was extended to allow the Ministry of Education to develop Pacific Studies for the new secondary school curricula. The subject lists are [available on the Ministry of Education website](#), along with supporting information.

There are no changes to the classification, title, level, credits, criteria and outcome.

Main changes

- Unit standard 21320 has reduced number of persons to be interviewed from two to one.
- Unit standard 21322 has been designated to expire without replacement, due to lack of usage.
- Unit standards 26539 and 26540 outcomes have been updated to align with the titles.
- Guidance information for all listed standards has been reorganised, with no changes to content.
- The link to Assessment Support Materials, for unit standards in *Pacific Change and Development*, *Pacific Indigenous Knowledge* and *Pacific Societies*, has been updated.
- Definitions in unit standard 26539 have been alphabetically reordered.
- The planned review date has been extended from 31 December 2025 to 31 December 2030.

Category D unit standard will expire at the end of December 2027.

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

Reviewed unit standard

Humanities > Pacific Studies > Niue Tradition and Culture

ID	Title	Level	Credit	Review Category
21322	Research an aspect of Niue tradition and culture	6	20	D

Revised unit standards

Humanities > Pacific Studies > Niue Tradition and Culture

ID	Title	Level	Credit
21313	Investigate magafaoa and/or magafaoa laulahi in Niue decision-making	3	5
21315	Demonstrate knowledge of agamotu in moui Niue	2	4
21316	Demonstrate knowledge of religions in moui Niue	2	4
21317	Describe fono Niue and associated roles	2	4
21318	Investigate the use of protocols in fono Niue	3	4
21319	Demonstrate knowledge of Niue ceremonies	2	4
21320	Examine the Niue practice of hifulu and hukiteliga	3	4
21321	Demonstrate knowledge of significant external influences on Niue	3	4

Humanities > Pacific Studies > Pacific Change and Development

ID	Title	Level	Credit
17165	Draw a conclusion after an investigation into an aspect of Pacific change and development with direction	1	5
17166	Draw a conclusion after an investigation into an aspect of Pacific change and development with guidance	2	5
17167	Draw a conclusion after investigating a hypothesis on an aspect of Pacific change and development with consultation	3	6

Humanities > Pacific Studies > Pacific Indigenous Knowledge

ID	Title	Level	Credit
17162	Draw a conclusion after an investigation into an aspect of Pacific indigenous knowledge with direction	1	5
17163	Draw a conclusion after an investigation into an aspect of Pacific indigenous knowledge with guidance	2	5
17164	Draw a conclusion after investigating a hypothesis on an aspect of Pacific indigenous knowledge with consultation	3	6
26538	Communicate understanding of an aspect of Pacific culture through a planned presentation with direction	1	3
26539	Communicate detailed understanding of an aspect of Pacific culture through a planned presentation with guidance	2	3
26540	Communicate comprehensive understanding of an aspect of Pacific culture through a planned presentation with consultation	3	3

Humanities > Pacific Studies > Pacific Societies

ID	Title	Level	Credit
17168	Draw a conclusion after an investigation into an aspect of Pacific society with direction	1	5
17169	Draw a conclusion after an investigation into an aspect of Pacific society with guidance	2	5
17170	Draw a conclusion after investigating a hypothesis on an aspect of Pacific society with consultation	3	6