

Review of *Te Ara Tauira Whakairo* unit standards

Subfield	Domain	ID
Whakairo	Te Ara Tauira Whakairo	23005, 23006, 23007, 23008, 23009, 23010, 23011, 23012, 23013, 23014, 23015, 23016

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

Date new versions published

June 2026

Planned review date

December 2031

Summary

The review was undertaken as part of the planned cycle of review of Māori Qualification Services unit standards. MQS along with Whakaruruhau, reviewed the *Te Ara Tauira Whakairo* unit standards to ensure that they remain fit for purpose, are relevant, and meet the needs and aspirations of ākonga, whānau, hapū, iwi and hapori.

Main changes

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

- Minor wording changes have been made to guidance information, outcomes, performance criteria, range statements, and grading information for relevancy, consistency, and to provide clarity for kaiako and ākonga in a Whakairo context.
- Definitions have been updated.
- Grammatical errors have been corrected.
- Unit standard 23009 – change to title, purpose, grading information and outcome 1 to better reflect the intent of the standard with a focus on design techniques.

The last date for assessment of superseded versions of Category B unit standards is December 2028

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
23005	Demonstrate knowledge of whakairo	1	6	B
23006	Demonstrate knowledge of how a kaiwhakairo shows meaning in their whakairo	1	6	B
23007	Demonstrate knowledge of customary whakairo designs and their meaning	1	6	B

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23008	Describe customary whakairo and their function	1	6	B
23009	Identify and apply design elements in whakairo sketches, and identify specific techniques applied in whakairo Identify design techniques in whakairo sketches and identify specific techniques applied in whakairo	2	6	B
23010	Generate, develop and refine visual ideas in whakairo	2	6	B
23011	Demonstrate knowledge of whakairo production	2	6	B
23012	Demonstrate knowledge of function and significance to explore the value of whakairo	2	6	B
23013	Create whakairo	3	6	B
23014	Develop ideas to create whakairo	3	6	B
23015	Demonstrate knowledge of the composition, presentation and production of whakairo to interpret meaning	3	6	B
23016	Explain change in whakairo practises and whakairo production	3	6	B