

Field Māori

Review of *Mau Rākau* unit standards

Subfield	Domain	ID
Mau Rākau	Te Mau Rākau	20953, 27546, 27547, 27548, 27550, 27551, 27552
	Te Parawhakawai	20948, 20949, 20950, 27544, 27545
	Te Rangatiratanga Mau Rākau	20954, 27549

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

Date new versions published

May 2026

Planned review date

December 2030

Summary

As part of the scheduled review cycle, Māori Qualifications Services (MQS), in collaboration with the Whakaruruhau reviewed the Mau Rākau unit standards at the end of 2025. The review ensured the standards remain relevant, future-focused, and aligned with the aspirations of ākonga, whānau, hapū, iwi, and hapori.

Main changes

The following overarching improvements were made across multiple standards to enhance clarity, accuracy, and relevance:

- **Minor wording updates** to outcomes and performance criteria for improved relevance, consistency, and clarity for both ākonga and pouako.
- **Refinements to range statements and titles** to provide greater flexibility and applicability across learning contexts of the standards.
- **Adjustments to credit values**
Unit standard 27545 credit value was increased from 6 to 8 to better reflect the working load in performance criteria.

The last date for assessment of superseded versions of Category B unit standards is December 2027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

Māori > Mau Rākau > Te Mau Rākau

ID	Title	Level	Credit	Review Category
20953	Perform tīkawe	3	12	B

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27546	Demonstrate knowledge of torotoro tinana Demonstrate knowledge of, and perform torotoro tinana	1	5	B
27547	Identify ngā momo rākau whawhai	1	6	A
27548	Perform tētahi momo rākau whawhai	3	10	B
27550	Demonstrate knowledge of ngā momo rākau whawhai	2	6	A
27551	Demonstrate knowledge of the relationship between te taiao and mau rākau, and incorporate te taiao into performance Demonstrate knowledge of the relationship between te taiao and mau rākau, and incorporate te taiao into performance	2	9	B
27552	Demonstrate knowledge of the relationship between mana atua and mau rākau, and incorporate it into mau rākau performance Demonstrate knowledge of the relationship between mana atua and mau rākau, and incorporate it into mau rākau	3	12	B

Māori > Mau Rākau > Te Parawhakawai

ID	Title	Level	Credit	Review Category
20948	Demonstrate knowledge of tūwaewae	1	10	B
20949	Demonstrate knowledge of, and perform, toroparawae	2	10	B
20950	Demonstrate knowledge of, and perform, torowaewae	2	8	B
27544	Demonstrate knowledge of tākaro Māori	1	6	A
27545	Demonstrate knowledge of, and perform, tākaro Māori	2	6 8	B

Māori > Mau Rākau > Te Rangatiratanga Mau Rākau

ID	Title	Level	Credit	Review Category
20954	Demonstrate knowledge of and perform ngā wāhanga o te taki Perform ngā wāhanga o te taki	4	15	B
27549	Demonstrate knowledge of te taki Explain knowledge of te taki	4	15	B