

Field Māori

Review of *Wāhi Tapu* Unit Standards

Subfield	Domain	ID
Environment Māori	Wāhi Tapu	6140, 6144, 21847, 21849, 21850, 21851, 21852, 27483, 27484, 27652, 28916-28919

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

Date new versions published

May 2026

Planned review date

December 2030

Summary

The review was undertaken as part of the planned cycle of review of Māori Qualification Services (MQS) unit standards. MQS along with Whakaruruhau, reviewed the Wāhi Tapu 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:

- A Wāhi Tapu definition was added to the Guidance Information of every standard to outline the scope of Wāhi Tapu.
- Minor wording changes have been made to guidance information, outcomes, performance criteria and range statements for relevancy, consistency and to provide clarity for kaiako and ākonga.
- Definitions and legislation relevant to standards have been updated.
- Grammatical errors have been corrected.
- Te Reo Māori versions updated to align with review changes.
- Te Reo Māori titles for bilingual standards restored to primary title.

The last date for assessment of superseded versions of Category B unit standards is December 2028.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
6140	Explain Māori hekenga and whakanohonoho	3	6	B
6144	Explain wāhi tapu in relation to how Māori manage the environment	3	5	B

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21847	Whakamāramatia te tikanga o te wāhi tapu Whakamāramatia te tikanga o wāhi tapu	4	5	B
21849	Whakamōhiohia, whakamāramatia te pānga o iwi kē ki te wāhi tapu	4	3	B
21850	Whakaaturia mai te mōhio ki ngā rawa pārongo rerekē e pā ana ki te wāhi tapu	4	5 3	B
21851	Whakamāramatia ngā tikanga Māori e pā ana ki te whakahaere wāhi tapu	4	6	B
21852	Whakamāramatia ngā tikanga whakahaere hei tiaki i te wāhi tapu, i ngā taonga tūturu rānei Whakamāramatia ngā whakaritenga tikanga whakahaere i te wāhi tapu	4	8	B
27483	Whakamāramatia ngā ture, ngā tūtohinga, ngā whakapuakanga e whakapūmau ana i te pānga o te Māori ki te wāhi tapu	4	6	B
27484	Whakaemia kia tika ka pūpuri he puna kōrero mō tētahi wāhi tapu/taonga tūturu rānei e ai ki ngā tikanga me ngā kawa o te mana whenua mai i ngā rawa rerekē Whakaemia kia tika ka pūpuri he puna kōrero mō tētahi wāhi tapu/taonga tūturu rānei e ai ki ngā tikanga	4	5	B
27652	Whakamōhiohia, whakamāramatia hoki i ngā momo pānga o te tangata whenua ki te wāhi tapu	3	3	B
28916	Develop a management plan component to protect wāhi tapu Explain a management plan to protect wāhi tapu	4	4	B
28917	Describe tikanga in relation to the management and care of taonga tūturu	4	6	B
28918	Demonstrate knowledge of strategic planning to care for and manage taonga tuku iho	4	8	B
28919	Identify and explain the archaeological features and cultural values of a site of significance	4	6	B