

Title	Describe epilepsy and the support needs of a person with epilepsy in a health or wellbeing setting		
Level	3	Credits	4

Purpose	<p>This unit standard is for people providing services in a health or wellbeing setting.</p> <p>People credited with this unit standard are able to describe: the classification of epileptic seizures and characteristics of seizure types; possible causes of epilepsy; conditions associated with epilepsy; and support needs for a person with epilepsy in a health or wellbeing setting.</p>
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Classification	Health, Disability, and Aged Support > Community Support Services
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

- 1 Legislation and standards relevant to this unit standard include but are not limited to: Health and Disability Commissioner (Code of Health and Disability Services Consumers' Rights) Regulations 1996 (the Code of Rights); Health and Disability Services (Safety) Act 2001; Health and Safety at Work Act 2015; Human Rights Act 1993; Privacy Act 1993.
- 2 New Zealand Standards relevant to this unit standard include but are not limited to: NZS 8134.0:2008 *Health and disability services Standards – Health and disability services (general) Standard*; NZS 8134.1:2008 *Health and disability services Standards – Health and disability services (core) Standards*; NZS 8158:2012 *Home and community support sector Standard*; available at <http://www.standards.co.nz/>.
- 3 In the context of this unit standard, *support* should aim to maintain, improve, or restore a person's independence and/or interdependence by utilising the person's existing strengths and appropriate resources; but may include providing assistance to enable a person's health and wellbeing needs to be met.
- 4 Definitions
Health or wellbeing setting includes but is not limited to – the aged care, acute care, community support, disability, mental health, and social services sectors.

Person – a person accessing services. Other terms used for the person may include client, consumer, customer, patient, individual, resident, service user, tūroro or tangata whai ora.

Personal plan – a generic term that covers the individual or group plans (which may also be referred to by other names) that are developed with people receiving support (and may include their family/whānau as appropriate).

5 Industry recognised terminology in relation to this unit standard is available from Epilepsy New Zealand, PO Box 2806, Wellington 6140, <http://www.epilepsy.org.nz/>.

6 Resources

Examples of recognised sources include but are not limited to the following:

International League Against Epilepsy's website – <https://www.ilae.org/>.

Epilepsy Action Australia. (n.d). *Seizure Types & Classification* available at

<http://www.epilepsy.org.au/about-epilepsy/understanding-epilepsy/seizure-types-classification>.

Epilepsy New Zealand's website – <http://www.epilepsy.org.nz/>.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Describe the classification of epileptic seizures and characteristics of seizure types.

Performance criteria

1.1 The classification of epileptic seizures is described in terms of a recognised source.

1.2 Epileptic seizure characteristics for seizure types are described in terms of a recognised source.

Outcome 2

Describe possible causes of epilepsy.

Performance criteria

2.1 Possible causes of epilepsy are described in terms of the effect on brain tissue.

Range causes include but are not limited to – anoxia, head injury, birth trauma, alcohol and drug abuse, stroke.

Outcome 3

Describe conditions associated with epilepsy.

Range conditions may include but are not limited to – cerebral palsy, stroke, cerebral neoplasm (tumour), neuro-developmental disorders; evidence is required of two conditions.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 Each condition is described in terms of its cause.
- 3.2 Each condition is described in terms of two defining characteristics other than seizures.

Outcome 4

Describe support needs for a person with epilepsy in a health or wellbeing setting.

Range support needs include but are not limited to – physical, social.

Performance criteria

- 4.1 Support needs are described in terms of the person's condition and the personal plan.
- 4.2 Resources available in the community are described in terms of how they can support the person's needs.

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This CMR can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

Comments on this unit standard

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