

Title	Demonstrate knowledge of procedures for infection control 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: apply infection control precautions; and describe reporting requirements and emergency procedures for infection outbreaks and infection control accidents and/or incidents, in a health or wellbeing setting.</p>
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Classification	Health, Disability, and Aged Support > Health and Disability Principles in Practice
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

- Legislation and codes 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.

The above legislation is available at <http://www.legislation.govt.nz/>.
- 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 8134.3:2008 *Health and disability services Standards – Health and disability services (infection prevention and control) Standards*; NZS 8158:2012 *Home and community support sector Standard*, available at <http://www.standards.co.nz/>.
- This unit standard cannot be assessed against in a simulated environment. For assessment, candidates must demonstrate competence in the workplace through paid or unpaid employment, or in placements in a service provider workplace negotiated by an education provider.

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.

Organisational policies and procedures – policies, procedures and methodologies of an organisation. They include legislative and regulatory requirements which may apply across a company, a specific site, or a workplace. Requirements are documented in the company's health and safety plans, contract work programmes, quality assurance programmes, policies and procedural documents.

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.

PPE – personal protective equipment and may include uniforms, gowns, face masks, goggles, and over shoes.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Apply infection control precautions in a health or wellbeing setting.

Performance criteria

1.1 Routine infection control precautions are applied in terms of organisational policies and procedures.

Range routine infection control precautions may include but are not limited to – hand washing, personal hygiene, absence from work due to infectious conditions.

1.2 PPE is selected and utilised correctly in situations and/or tasks related to supporting a person in a health or wellbeing setting.

Range evidence is required of the selection and utilisation of two personal protective items in two different situations and/or tasks.

1.3 Potentially infectious items are handled and/or disposed of in terms of organisational policies and procedures.

Range potentially infectious items may include but are not limited to – clinical waste, sharps, soiled linen and clothing; evidence is required of two potentially infectious items.

1.4 Reusable instruments or equipment are processed and stored in terms of the manufacturer's instructions and/or organisational policies and procedures.

Outcome 2

Describe reporting requirements and emergency procedures for infection outbreaks and infection control accidents and/or incidents in a health or wellbeing setting.

Range infection outbreaks and infection control accidents and/or incidents may include but are not limited to exposure to – bacterial infections, viral infections, parasite and worm infections, yeast and fungal infections, blood and body fluids; evidence is required for two infection outbreaks and two infection control accidents and/or incidents.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Reporting requirements for infection outbreaks and infection control accidents and/or incidents are described in terms of organisational policies and procedures.
- 2.2 Emergency procedures for infection outbreaks and infection control accidents and/or incidents are described in terms of organisational policies and procedures.

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Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference	0024
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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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