

<b>Title</b>	<b>Assist with oral health care procedures</b>		
<b>Level</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>10</b>

<b>Purpose</b>	People credited with this unit standard are able: to describe and prepare materials, instruments, and equipment used for dental therapy and general dentistry; and prepare for and assist with oral health care procedures.
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<b>Classification</b>	Health, Disability, and Aged Support > Allied Health Assistance
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<b>Available grade</b>	Achieved
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### Explanatory notes

- 1 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.
- 2 Practice must reflect appropriate values, processes, and protocols in relation to working with Māori and Pacific peoples and/or people from other cultures.
- 3 Practice must be in accordance with the policies and procedures of the employing organisation and include ethical codes, codes of practice, standards, manufacturers' specifications and other organisational requirements.
- 4 New Zealand Standards relevant to this unit standard include:  
 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*;  
 All New Zealand Standards are available at <http://www.standards.co.nz/>.
- 5 Codes of practice relevant to this unit standard are set by the Dental Council of New Zealand and are available at <http://www.dentalcouncil.org.nz/dcStandardsCodes>.
- 6 Definitions  
*Materials* refers to any substance used in the course of an oral health care procedure, such as biomaterials, dental implant materials, polymers and composite resins, silicones, dental cements, adhesives and alloys, dental metals, porcelain and ceramics, dental impression materials, bonding and casting agents, and sealants.  
*Patient* refers to a person accessing dental services. Patients may also be known as consumers, clients, or tūrora in particular contexts and settings.

**7 Range**

*Oral health care procedure* may include – examination, assessment, radiography, prevention procedures, restorative procedures, surgical procedures, periodontal procedures.

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**Outcomes and evidence requirements****Outcome 1**

Describe materials, instruments, and equipment used in dental therapy and general dentistry, and their storage, preparation, handling, and care.

**Evidence requirements**

- 1.1 The use, preparation and handling of materials, instruments and equipment used in dental therapy and general dentistry are described in accordance with the organisation's policies and procedures.

**Outcome 2**

Prepare for oral health care procedures.

**Evidence requirements**

- 2.1 The requirements for supporting the delivery of the planned oral health care procedures are identified.
- 2.2 Patients' records are made available to the dental health professional.
- 2.3 Infection prevention and control procedures are applied in accordance with the organisation's policies and procedures.
- 2.4 Instruments equipment and materials for the planned oral health care procedure are available and arranged in their likely order of use.

**Outcome 3**

Assist with oral health care procedures.

**Evidence requirements**

- 3.1 Instruments, equipment, and materials for each planned oral health care procedure are transferred to the dental clinician in a timely manner in accordance with the oral health care procedure.
- 3.2 Assistance provided meets the organisation's policies and procedures, supports the patient, and contributes to the patient's wellbeing and safety within the boundaries of the role.
- 3.3 Radiographs are processed and stored in accordance with the organisation's policies and procedures.

- 3.4 Contamination is minimised for instruments, equipment, materials, and medicaments used in dental therapy and general dentistry.

Range Medicaments are agents used to treat orofacial injuries, ailments, or conditions, for example filling materials, calcium hydroxide, glass ionomers, and topical fluoride.

<b>Replacement information</b>	This unit standard and unit standard 29395 replaced unit standards 27449, 27450, 27451, 27452 and 27453
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#### Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

Process	Version	Date	Last Date for Assessment
Registration	1	17 March 2016	N/A

<b>Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference</b>	0024
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This CMR can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

#### Please note

Providers must be granted consent to assess against standards (accredited) by NZQA, before they can report credits from assessment against unit standards or deliver courses of study leading to that assessment.

Industry Training Organisations must be granted consent to assess against standards by NZQA before they can register credits from assessment against unit standards.

Providers and Industry Training Organisations, which have been granted consent and which are assessing against unit standards must engage with the moderation system that applies to those standards.

Requirements for consent to assess and an outline of the moderation system that applies to this standard are outlined in the Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMRs). The CMR also includes useful information about special requirements for organisations wishing to develop education and training programmes, such as minimum qualifications for tutors and assessors, and special resource requirements.

#### Comments on this unit standard

Please contact Careerforce [info@careerforce.org.nz](mailto:info@careerforce.org.nz) if you wish to suggest changes to the content of this unit standard.