

Title	Write a variety of text types in clear Vagahau Niue to explore and justify varied ideas and perspectives		
Level	3	Credits	5

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to write a variety of text types in clear Vagahau Niue to explore and justify varied ideas and perspectives.
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Classification	Languages > Vagahau Niue
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Available grade	Achieved, Merit, and Excellence
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Criteria for Merit	Write a variety of text types in clear, convincing Vagahau Niue to explore and justify varied ideas and perspectives. Convincing Vagahau Niue is demonstrated by developing ideas and perspectives that are generally credible and connected and selecting and using a range of language and language features that are fit for purpose and audience. Communication is not significantly hindered by inconsistencies.
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Criteria for Excellence	Write a variety of text types in clear, effective Vagahau Niue to explore and justify varied ideas and perspectives. Effective Vagahau Niue is demonstrated by developing and integrating ideas and perspectives with control and capably selecting and using a range of language and language features that are fit for purpose and audience. Communication is not hindered by inconsistencies.
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Guidance Information

- 1 This unit standard can be awarded with an Achieved, Merit, or Excellence grade. For the Achieved grade to be awarded, the outcome must be achieved as specified in the outcome statement. For Merit or Excellence grades to be awarded, the candidate must meet the Merit or Excellence criteria specified above.
- 2 *Vagahau Niue* refers to the authentic language of Niue as communicated in the Pacific island nation and in New Zealand.
- 3 This unit standard is derived from the Learning Languages learning area, Communication, Language Knowledge, and Cultural Knowledge strands Curriculum Level 8 of *The New Zealand Curriculum*, Learning Media, Ministry of Education, 2007, and is related to the *Tau Hatakiaga ma e Vagahau Niue: The Niue Language*

Guidelines (<http://pasifika.tki.org.nz/Pasifika-languages/Vagahau-Niue>) and the material in the *Teaching and Learning Guide for Languages*, Ministry of Education at <http://seniorsecondary.tki.org.nz>.

- 4 It is recommended that candidates produce a portfolio of writing over a period of time that includes a variety of text types in Vagahau Niue, selecting at least two pieces of crafted writing from their portfolio for assessment. The overall quality of the texts in the selection is more important than length. However, writing must be long enough to generate sufficient evidence for assessment. Suggested approximate word count for Level 3 is 300 words for each text. Texting abbreviations are not permitted.
- 5 It is recommended that:
- i the outcomes are assessed as part of an integrated unit of work, relevant to the learning context of the candidate;
 - ii assessment be conducted in conjunction with assessment against other Vagahau Niue unit standards at this level.

6 Definitions

Clear refers to language that gives no doubt as to intended meaning.

Credible refers to ideas and perspectives that are believable and convincing.

Explore and justify varied ideas and perspectives involves evaluating and giving explanations or evidence to support own ideas and perspectives as well as supporting or challenging those of others.

Language conventions relate to generally accepted usage or practice; when, for example, it is appropriate or inappropriate to use certain words, and using appropriate levels of formality or informality when writing a chatty email to a friend or composing a letter of application for a job. The conventions of written Vagahau Niue include such aspects as punctuation, spelling, capitalization, speech marks, and styles of presentation for the printed page (for example the layout of a letter or a curriculum vitae), and for digital media (the format of a webpage or Blog).

Conventions can and do change, both over time and from one audience to another.

Language features include the way words work in sentences. For example:

- verb tense markers such as:
 - kua – indicates that the event had happened, e.g. Kua omai tuai he vao.
 - Ke – signals something that is yet to happen, e.g. Ō ke taute e fekau ha mua.
 - A ē – signposts something that is in progress, e.g. Ko maua a ē ne oatu.
- specific verb patterns to express future intention or singular and plural verb forms
- nouns that are generally uncountable nouns in English (and therefore singular) but are countable in Vagahau Niue and used with the plural marker *tau*
- pronouns that indicate singular and plural, and inclusion and exclusion of the speaker
- words that are formed through different processes including transliteration from English words
- vowel length, either long, short or two adjacent identical vowels
- the rules of grammar that govern how words are put together to form sentences and phrases, for example, prepositional phrases indicating place, and phrases to indicate direction and location.

Variety refers to texts selected from a range of different text types which have been created for different audiences and purposes.

Write refers to organising text in a linguistically and culturally appropriate format and style, which may involve drafting and reworking over a period-of-time.

The features of written texts include the length and layout of the text, the different parts of the text and the cohesive devices, such as the sequencing of paragraphs, that link the parts. Different written text types have different characteristic features. Other text features that writers may need to be able to use include visual language features such as tables, charts, maps, illustrations and photographs.

- 7 Commonly used real-life resources used to support drafting and reworking must be referenced; candidates may adapt and rework the language, but they must not copy large sections and present them as their own.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Write a variety of text types in clear Vagahau Niue to explore and justify varied ideas and perspectives.

Range texts types may include – community events and activities newsletters, media articles or reports (relating to, for example cultural festivals and sports tournaments, tau aho fakatata maaga he tau (village show days), celebrations such as Aho Tapu he tau fanau (White Sunday or Children’s Sunday), instructions or guides, blogs, emails, letters, diary entries, advertisements, speeches, lauga (a prepared written presentation for a religious setting); minimum of two text types which have been created for different purposes.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 A variety of texts are written in clear Vagahau Niue that explore and justify varied ideas and perspectives in a linguistically and culturally appropriate format and style and are fit for purpose and audience.
- 1.2 Content is organised.
- 1.3 Language conventions and features appropriate to the text type are used.
- 1.4 Communication is achieved overall, despite inconsistencies.

Range inconsistencies may include but are not limited to – format, spelling, lexical choice, level of formality, language conventions or language features.

Replacement information	This unit standard replaced unit standard 19830, unit standard 19831 and unit standard 19832.
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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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