

Title	Demonstrate knowledge of support for family, whānau, and care partners of people living with dementia		
Level	4	Credits	3

Purpose	People credited with this standard can demonstrate knowledge of support for family, whānau, and care partners of people living with dementia.
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Classification	Health, Disability, and Aged Support > Older Persons' Health and Wellbeing
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

1 Scope of practice

People awarded credit for this unit standard are competent to provide support under the guidance and delegation of a health professional registered with an Authority appointed under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003. The registered health professional must be appointed to deliver health services according to a defined scope of practice which includes support for people living with dementia.

2 Assessment notes

Evidence generated for assessment against this standard must reflect workplace requirements specified in:

- documented workplace procedures, policies, and methodologies;
- applicable health and safety plans, contract work programmes, and quality assurance programmes.

Evidence generated for assessment against this standard must reflect the values, processes, and protocols required to work with Māori, Pacific peoples, and people from diverse cultures.

New Zealand Standards relevant to this unit standard include but are not limited to the following, or subsequent revisions of:

- NZS 8134:2021 *Ngā Paerewa Health and Disability Services Standard*;
- NZS 8158:2012 *Home and Community Support Sector Standard*; available at <http://www.standards.co.nz/>.

3 Definition

Dementia refers to a progressive and degenerative condition of the brain caused by brain disease or injury and marked by memory disorders, personality changes, and impaired reasoning.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Demonstrate knowledge of support for family, whānau, and care partners of people living with dementia.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 The ways that dementia can affect family, whānau, and care partners are described.
- Range effects include – psychological, physiological, spiritual, social, emotional, cultural, environmental.
- 1.2 Strategies to support family, whānau, and care partners of people living with dementia are described.
- Range two strategies;
strategies may include but are not limited to – adult day-care services, morning Alzheimer’s group sessions, pursuing hobbies and interests, contacting community health agencies, sharing responsibility for support with other family members, spending time with friends and family, counselling and techniques for dealing with loss and grief, debriefing, broadening knowledge of health conditions, risk management, self-advocacy, stress management, taking time out.
- 1.3 The purpose and means of access to local and/or national support and advocacy services for family, whānau, and care partners of those living with dementia are identified and described.

Replacement information	This unit standard replaced unit standard 23922.
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Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

Process	Version	Date	Last Date for Assessment
Registration	1	27 May 2021	N/A
Revision	2	30 June 2022	N/A

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

Please contact Toitū te Waiora Community, Health, Education and Social Services Workforce Development Council qualifications@toitutewaiora.nz if you wish to suggest changes to the content of this unit standard.