Title	Demonstrate knowledge of sustainable practice in a tourism workplace		
Level	3	Credits	5

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to describe the importance of sustainable tourism to Aotearoa New Zealand, describe a sustainable tourism workplace, and demonstrate knowledge of how principles of sustainability are applied in a tourism workplace.
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Classification	Tourism > Visitor Services

Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

- This unit standard may be assessed against in a tourism workplace, when appropriate situations arise, or in a training environment if simulated workplace conditions are able to be provided that reflect the standards of a tourism workplace.
- 2 Any relevant Acts, regulations, and bylaws must be complied with during assessment against this standard and any subsequent amendments.
- 3 Definitions
 - Regenerative tourism practices refer to ensuring that tourism returns more to people and places than it takes.

Sustainability refers to the responsible and ethical management of products and processes from the point of view of health, safety, and environmental aspects. Sustainable tourism workplace refers to a place of work that protects and enhances the natural environment and resources for future generations, whilst at the same time ensuring long-term economic, socio-cultural benefits, applying regenerative tourism practices.

Tourism workplace refers to any organisation involved in the domestic tourism industry, the inbound tourism industry, or the outbound tourism industry. Tourism workplaces may include but are not limited to – transport operators, accommodation providers, attraction and activity operators, food and beverage establishments, visitor information centres, travel retailers, travel wholesalers.

Tourism workplace policies and procedures refer to documented instructions about workplace expectations. These must include but are not limited to – customer service delivery, personal presentation, legislation, organisational structure, business objectives.

4 References

Standard industry texts and websites applicable to support this unit standard: New Zealand-Aotearoa Government Tourism Strategy, Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment, Department of Conservation, available at: https://www.mbie.govt.nz/immigration-and-tourism/tourism/new-zealand-aotearoa-government-tourism-strategy;

New Zealand Tourism Sustainability Commitment available at:

https://sustainabletourism.nz;

Tiaki Promise, available at https://www.tiakinewzealand.com/;

Tourism 2025 & beyond. Tourism Industry Aotearoa, available at:

https://www.tia.org.nz/tourism-2025/;

Tourism Sustainability Commitment, Tourism Industry Aotearoa, available at: https://www.tia.org.nz/advocacy/strategic-projects/tourism/.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Describe the importance of sustainable tourism to Aotearoa New Zealand.

Performance criteria

1.1 Key action areas are described in the context of a tourism workplace.

Range may include but is not limited to – energy efficiency, waste

management, water conservation, conservation, effects on

community, economy and visitors.

1.2 Methods of improving sustainability in a tourism workplace are described in accordance with standard industry texts.

Range may include but is not limited to – business premises, employee

travel, product or service, community well-being, wider natural

environment.

Outcome 2

Describe a sustainable tourism workplace.

Performance criteria

2.1 A sustainable tourism workplace is described in accordance with standard industry texts.

Range evidence is required for five features of a sustainable tourism

workplace.

Outcome 3

Demonstrate knowledge of how principles of sustainability are applied in a tourism workplace.

Range may include but is not limited to – practical application of principles, making practical recommendations.

Performance criteria

3.1 How sustainability principles relating to key action areas in a specified tourism workplace are applied is presented in accordance with standard industry texts and tourism workplace policies and procedures.

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Comments on this unit standard

Please contact Ringa Hora Services Workforce Development Council qualifications@ringahora.nz if you wish to suggest changes to the content of this unit standard.