

<b>Title</b>	<b>Culture and identify fungi to division level</b>		
<b>Level</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>3</b>

<b>Purpose</b>	People credited with this unit standard are able to: culture fungi; and identify fungi to division level.
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<b>Classification</b>	Science > Microbiology
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<b>Available grade</b>	Achieved
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### Guidance Information

- 1 All work must be carried out in accordance with the quality management system, documented protocol system or Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) acceptable in a commercial or research laboratory.
- 2 Health and Safety practices must conform to Australian/New Zealand Standard AS/NZS 2243 – *Safety in Laboratories* Parts 1, 2, 3, 7 and 10 available at <http://www.standards.co.nz> and <http://infostore.saiglobal.com/store>.
- 3 Legislation applicable to this unit standard includes:  
Health and Safety at Work Act 2015;  
Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996.
- 4 The underpinning knowledge for this unit standard is fungal structure and metabolism.
- 5 Glossary  
*Laboratory procedures* refer to documented systems or processes of operation which may be found in a SOP manual, quality management system, or in protocol system documentation. These procedures are external and/or internal laboratory requirements governing laboratory work.
- 6 Recommended for entry: Unit 8040, *Perform aseptic laboratory techniques*; and Unit 26117, *Work safely in a science laboratory*.

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### Outcomes and performance criteria

#### Outcome 1

Culture fungi.

**Performance criteria**

- 1.1 Media are prepared for the fungi to be cultured.  
Range fungi include – yeast, filamentous.
- 1.2 Fungi are cultured in accordance with laboratory procedures.

**Outcome 2**

Identify fungi to division level.

**Performance criteria**

- 2.1 Fungi are distinguished using colony and cellular morphology.  
Range fungi include – yeast, filamentous.
- 2.2 Filamentous fungi are identified to division using morphological characteristics and reproductive structures.
- 2.3 Sexual and asexual reproductive structures are identified in accordance with laboratory procedures.
- 2.4 Identification processes are documented in accordance with laboratory procedures.

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Review	3	23 November 1999	31 December 2014
Review	4	21 May 2010	31 December 2016
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<b>Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference</b>	0113
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**Comments on this unit standard**

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