

<b>Title</b>	<b>Demonstrate knowledge of infection control requirements in a health or wellbeing setting</b>		
<b>Level</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>3</b>

<b>Purpose</b>	<p>People credited with this unit standard are able, in a health or wellbeing setting, to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• identify the causes and transmission methods of infection;</li> <li>• demonstrate knowledge of exposure and signs of infectious conditions that may require absence from work;</li> <li>• demonstrate knowledge of infection control principles and infection control precautions; and</li> <li>• identify the requirements for reporting and recording risks of infection.</li> </ul>
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<b>Classification</b>	Health, Disability, and Aged Support > Health and Disability Principles in Practice
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<b>Available grade</b>	Achieved
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**Guidance Information**

- 1 Assessment conditions  
Evidence for the practical components of this unit standard must be gathered in a health or wellbeing setting.
- 2 Assessment notes  
Evidence generated for assessment against this standard must be in accordance with organisational policies and procedures.
- 3 Definitions  
*Health or wellbeing setting* includes but is not limited to: the aged care, acute care, community support, disability, mental health, rehabilitation, social services and youth development sectors.  
*Organisational policies and procedures* are the policies, procedures, and methodologies used in an organisation. They include legislative and regulatory requirements which may apply across an organisation, a specific site, or a workplace. Requirements are documented in organisational health and safety plans, contract work programmes, quality assurance programmes, policies, and procedural documents such as job descriptors and employment contracts.  
*Person* is the individual accessing services. Other terms used for the person may include client, consumer, customer, patient, individual, resident, or service user.

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## Outcomes and performance criteria

### Outcome 1

Identify the causes and transmission methods of infection in a health or wellbeing setting.

#### Performance criteria

- 1.1 Principal causes of infection are identified.  
Range bacteria, fungus, parasite, virus.
- 1.2 Transmission methods for infection are identified.  
Range airborne, direct, indirect, vector-borne.

### Outcome 2

Demonstrate knowledge of exposure and signs of infectious conditions that may require absence from work in a health or wellbeing setting.

#### Performance criteria

- 2.1 Signs of infectious conditions that may require absence from work are identified.  
Range two infectious conditions.
- 2.2 Documentation and reporting requirements of exposure events are identified.

### Outcome 3

Demonstrate knowledge of infection control principles and infection control precautions in a health or wellbeing setting.

#### Performance criteria

- 3.1 Hand hygiene procedures are demonstrated.
- 3.2 Infection control precautions are identified for two different care situations.  
Range precautions may include but are not limited to – alcohol-based hand rubs; handwashing; wearing aprons, glasses or goggles, gloves, gowns, hats, masks;  
evidence is required of one precaution for each care situation.
- 3.3 Disposal of bodily fluids and/or waste is identified.  
Range bodily fluids and waste may include but are not limited to – dressings; colostomy bags and urine drainage; contents of commodes, pans, urinals; continence pads; gloves, sanitary products;  
evidence is required of two different types of bodily fluids or waste.

- 3.4 Methods for handling soiled gloves, gowns, bedding, and clothing are identified.
- 3.5 Measures for managing contact exposure to blood or bodily fluids are identified.
- 3.6 First Aid measures for incidents involving sharps are identified.

#### Outcome 4

Identify the requirements for reporting and recording risks of infection in a health or wellbeing setting.

#### Performance criteria

- 4.1 Requirements for reporting and recording risks of infection are identified.

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#### Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

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Registration	1	21 October 2004	31 December 2016
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<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>.

#### Comments on this unit standard

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