



NEW ZEALAND QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK
TE TAURA HERETOHU MĀTAURANGA O AOTEAROA

New Zealand Certificate in Public Health and Health Promotion (Level 5)

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Qualification Number

1865

Qualification Status

Current

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3

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Qualification Type

Certificate

Level

5

Credits

60

NZSCED

061307 Health>Public Health>Health Education, Promotion, Counselling

Qualification Developer

Toitū te Waiora Community, Health, Education and Social Services Workforce Development Council

Next Review

31/08/2025

Quality Assurance Body

New Zealand Qualifications Authority

Consistency Review Details

Next Planned Consistency Review

2023

Consistency Rating

Confirmed (03/09/2018)

Outcome Statement

Strategic Purpose Statement

The purpose of this qualification is to provide the public health sector with a workforce with common generic public health and health promotion competencies. Graduates will work with groups and communities to promote and protect public health, and improve health outcomes in a public health context. They will demonstrate the baseline knowledge, skills and attributes required of public health and/or health promotion practitioners, to implement public health initiatives.

Graduate Profile

Graduates of this qualification will be able to:

- Apply knowledge of the health status of populations in New Zealand to describe the relationship between health inequities and the social determinants of health.
- Apply knowledge of the influence of public health advocacy, policy and the scope of public health disciplines and functions to identify opportunities to promote and protect public health.
- Apply knowledge of the influence of the Treaty of Waitangi, international health agreements and New Zealand public health/health promotion frameworks and strategies on New Zealand's public health services to design, implement, and evaluate health promotion initiatives aimed at addressing health inequity.
- Engage with Māori, Pacific and/or other peoples, who are least advantaged in New Zealand, using culturally appropriate values, processes and protocols to build and maintain meaningful relationships aimed at improving their health and addressing inequities.
- Apply knowledge of research findings and evaluation evidence to improve own public health practice.
- Apply knowledge of the history of Māori as tangata whenua and client-whānau interconnectedness to own culturally competent practice, to improve Māori health and wellbeing outcomes.

Education Pathway

This qualification provides a pathway from:

- New Zealand Certificate in Health and Wellbeing (Level 3) with strands in Healthcare Assistance; Integrated Practice (Family and Whānau Harm); Newborn Hearing Screening; Orderly Services; Support Work; Vision Hearing Screening; and Whānau, Kin and Foster Care [Ref: 2470]
- New Zealand Certificate in Health and Wellbeing (Advanced Care and Support) (Level 4) [Ref: 4108]

For graduates who intend to pursue further study related to health and wellbeing, this qualification may lead on to:

- New Zealand Diploma in Kaupapa Maori Public Health (Level 6) [Ref: 2872], or
- other higher-level qualifications in related health and wellbeing subject areas.

For graduates who intend to pursue further study related to leadership and management, this qualification may lead on to:

- New Zealand Diploma in Business (Level 5) [Ref: 2459]
- New Zealand Diploma in Business (Level 6) with strands in Accounting, Administration and Technology, Human Resource Management, Leadership and Management, Māori Business and Management, Marketing and Sales, and Real Estate [Ref: 2460],
- New Zealand Diploma in Public Sector Leadership (Level 6) [Ref: 3639]
- other higher-level qualifications in related leadership and management subject areas.

Employment/Cultural/Community Pathway

Graduates of this qualification may work in the following areas:

- public health,
- health promotion,
- community health work,
- public health management, administration, policy, and planning health protection.

Qualification Specifications

Qualification Award

This qualification can be awarded by an organisation which has an approved program of study or industry training program leading to the qualification.

Evidence requirements for assuring consistency

Evidence may include but is not limited to:

- Feedback from employers and graduates which demonstrates how well graduates are meeting the graduate outcomes in the workplace.
- Evidence of effective internal quality assurance systems to assure that graduates meet the graduate outcomes of the qualification.

- Portfolios of work and/or assessment samples demonstrating the range of student performance within a programme and that the graduate outcomes have been met.
- A range of workplace evidence that shows how the graduate outcomes are being met.

Minimum standard of achievement and standards for grade endorsements

Achieved.

Other requirements for the qualification (including regulatory body or legislative requirements)

None

General conditions for programme

Programmes of study and/or training leading to the award of this qualification should be informed by the [Generic Competencies for Public Health in Aotearoa New Zealand](#) and the [Health Promotion Competencies for Aotearoa New Zealand](#).

Programmes should include a practical component of at least 80 hours. This may include a work placement or workplace project. The practical component should be managed by the education provider in accordance with best practice, including learning contracts, clear lines of responsibility, and pastoral care arrangements.

For learners already employed in a related role, this can be part of their supervised employment. For others, it is anticipated that any work placements be long enough for learners to demonstrate their performance is repeatable.

Please refer to the following link for sector guidance on developing programmes that lead to this qualification: <https://www.careerforce.org.nz/programme-developer-information/>.

Conditions relating to the Graduate Profile

Outcome	Indicative Credits	Conditions
1 Apply knowledge of the health status of populations in New Zealand to describe the relationship	10 credits	

between health inequities and the social determinants of health.

2 Apply knowledge of the influence of public health advocacy, policy and the scope of public health disciplines and functions to identify opportunities to promote and protect public health. 10 credits

3 Apply knowledge of the influence of the Treaty of Waitangi, international health agreements and New Zealand public health/health promotion frameworks and strategies on New Zealand's public health services to design, implement, and evaluate health promotion initiatives aimed at addressing health inequity. 15 credits

4	Engage with Māori, Pacific and/or other peoples, who are least advantaged in New Zealand, using culturally appropriate values, processes and protocols to build and maintain meaningful relationships aimed at improving their health and addressing inequities.	10 credits
5	Apply knowledge of research findings and evaluation evidence to improve own public health practice.	5 credits
6	Apply knowledge of the history of Māori as tangata whenua and client-whānau interconnectedness to own culturally competent practice, to improve Māori health and wellbeing outcomes.	10 credits

Transition Information

Replacement information

N/A

Additional transition information

Version information

Version 3 of this qualification was published in August 2020 following a scheduled review. Please refer to [Qualifications and Assessment Standards Approvals](#) for further information.

The last date of assessment of programmes leading to version 2 of this qualification is 31 December 2022.

Any person who considers they have been disadvantaged by these transition arrangements may appeal to Careerforce at the address below. Appeals will be considered on a case by case basis.

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