

National Diploma in Journalism (Graduate) (Level 7)

Level 7

Credits 120

This qualification is **expiring**. The last date to meet the requirements is 31 December 2009.

Purpose

The National Diploma in Journalism (Graduate) (Level 7) [Ref: 0528] replaces the level 6 National Diploma in Journalism [Ref: 0004] and will enable journalists to develop professionally in the skill areas which best fit their personal needs and career choices. It recognises both the acquisition of specialist skills and a broadening of journalists' education bases. The introduction of elective possibilities outside the journalism domain is to allow journalists to deepen their knowledge of certain specialities.

It is expected that most students will study for the diploma while working as journalists. Combinations of unit standards or single unit standards may be offered by accredited polytechnics, private training establishments, universities or businesses either on-site or by distance learning. Those studying for part of the qualification will need to ensure they can access the required number of unit standards in order to obtain the credits to complete the total required for the diploma.

It is envisaged that eventually some unit standards will be assessed in the work place. The radio and television unit standards will be assessed either in a non-broadcast studio with the appropriate equipment or in radio or television broadcast studios while on the job.

Replacement Information

The National Diploma in Journalism (Graduate) (Level 7) replaced the level 6 National Diploma in Journalism [Ref: 0004].

Credit Range

	Compulsory	Elective 1	Elective 2
Level 5 credits	-	-	0-20
Level 6 credits	-	-	0-20
Level 7 credits	25	75-125	0-20
Minimum totals	25	75	20

Requirements for Award of Qualification

Award of NQF Qualifications

Credit gained for a standard may be used only once to meet the requirements of this qualification.

Unit standards and achievement standards that are equivalent in outcome are mutually exclusive for the purpose of award. The table of mutually exclusive standards is provided in section 7 of the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) *Rules and Procedures* publications available at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/acrp/index.html>.

Reviewed standards that continue to recognise the same overall outcome are registered as new versions and retain their identification number (ID). Any version of a standard with the same ID may be used to meet qualification requirements that list the ID and/or that specify the past or current classification of the standard.

Summary of Requirements

- A minimum of 120 credits
- Compulsory standards
- Elective List 1 – A minimum of 5 standards as specified
- Elective List 2 – Balance if required

Detailed Requirements

Compulsory

The following standard is required

Community and Social Services > Journalism > Journalism Skills

ID	Title	Level	Credit
1485	Make editorial decisions on matters of media law	7	25

Elective List 1

A minimum of 5 standards

Community and Social Services > Journalism > Journalism Skills

ID	Title	Level	Credit
1484	Conduct investigative interviews	7	15
1486	Organise and write investigative stories	7	25
1487	Write articles with individual style	7	15
5497	Report business news	7	20
14226	Report political news	7	25
14227	Report sports news	7	20
14229	Develop photojournalism skills and analysis	7	20

ID	Title	Level	Credit
14230	Manage a newsroom	7	20
14231	Report health news	7	20
14232	Report education news	7	20
14233	Report Māori news	7	20
14366	Report local politics	7	20

Community and Social Services > Journalism > Print Journalism

ID	Title	Level	Credit
1488	Write feature stories for publication	7	20
1489	Design pages for newspaper publication	7	15
14228	Sub-edit text for print	7	15

Community and Social Services > Journalism > Radio Journalism

ID	Title	Level	Credit
1493	Produce radio documentary programme	7	25
1494	Sub-edit stories and compile radio news bulletins	7	15

Community and Social Services > Journalism > Television Journalism

ID	Title	Level	Credit
1491	Produce television current affairs documentary programmes	7	25
1492	Produce television news bulletins	7	25

Elective List 2

The balance of credits, if required, to achieve

A minimum of 120 credits

May come from anywhere on the NQF

Transition Arrangements**Version 2**

Version 2 was issued to indicate that this qualification is expiring.

For detailed information see [Review Summaries](#) on the NZQA website.

Previous versions of the qualification

Version 1 of this qualification replaced the level 6 National Diploma in Journalism [Ref: 0004].

It contains the following changes to structure and content in comparison to the National Diploma in Journalism [Ref: 0004]: this diploma is level 7; standard 1485 is a compulsory standard; standards 1484-1489, and 1491-1494 have been reviewed, their level has risen from 6 to 7, and their credit values have changed; standard 1490 has been replaced by standard 14228. The qualification now includes two elective sections; the first relates to journalism and includes nine new level 7 standards; and the second allows the balance of credits to come from anywhere on the National Qualifications Framework.

This qualification contains standards that replace earlier standards. For the purposes of this qualification, people who have gained credit for the expiring standards are exempt from the requirement to gain credit for the replacement standards – see table below.

Credit for	Exempt from
1490	14228

People currently enrolled in training programmes leading to the award of the National Diploma in Journalism [Ref: 0004] could complete that qualification or transfer to this qualification. The final date for the award of the National Diploma in Journalism [Ref: 0004] was 31 December 1999.

NQF Registration Information

Process	Version	Date	Last Date for Assessment
Registration	1	October 1998	December 2009
Review	2	March 2009	December 2009

Standard Setting Body

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Certification

This certificate will display the logos of NZQA, the NZ Journalists Training Organisation and the accredited organisation.

Classification

This qualification is classified according to the NQF classification system and the New Zealand Standard Classification of Education (NZSCED) system as specified below.

NQF Classification		NZSCED	
Code	Description	Code	Description
116	Community and Social Services > Journalism	100703	Creative Arts > Communication and Media Studies > Journalism, Communication and Media Studies

Quality Management Systems

Providers and Industry Training Organisations must be accredited by a recognised Quality Assurance Body before they can register credits from assessment against standards. Accredited providers and Industry Training Organisations assessing against standards must engage with the moderation system that applies to those standards. Accreditation requirements and the moderation system are outlined in the associated Accreditation and Moderation Action Plan (AMAP) for each standard.