



NEW ZEALAND QUALIFICATIONS AUTHORITY
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National Qualifications Framework Levels 1–3, 2004

Pacific Studies

National Moderator's Report

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General Guidance for Assessors of Achievement and Unit Standards

The purpose of external moderation is to provide reassurance that assessor judgements are at the national standard and are made on the basis of assessment materials that are fair and valid.

All assessment materials are expected to:

- give the student the opportunity to meet the requirements of the standard
- have an assessment schedule that gives evidence of appropriate student responses and clear judgements at all levels.

General Overall Comment

Eleven unit standards are currently registered under the sub-field of Pacific Studies (on the National Qualifications Framework). In 2004, assessment activities, assessment schedules and in some cases student work, were moderated for five of these standards. In the majority of cases, the material submitted required modification before further use. The nature of the modification that was required in most cases was:

1. The student instructions that were part of the activity needed to be expanded to include more specific detail to do with the requirements and conditions of the activity. Instructions that simply reword the performance criteria of the standard are likely to be inadequate and insufficient.
2. Modification of the task so that it provides the student with an opportunity to complete all of the performance criteria of the standard. A task that does not require students to meet all of the requirements of the standard is invalid.
3. Samples of appropriate student responses need to be developed and included in the assessment schedule.

Assessors are reminded that samples of student work from the previous year can be submitted for moderation.