

Title	Demonstrate knowledge of pressure injuries and pressure area care		
Level	3	Credits	4

Purpose	<p>This unit standard is for people providing services in a health or wellbeing setting.</p> <p>People credited with this unit standard are able to: describe the social and economic impacts of pressure injuries in New Zealand; describe how pressure injuries can occur; describe care to prevent pressure injuries; and explain the importance of providing prevention, early detection and early treatment information to support client awareness, client self-management and prevention of non-complex pressure injuries.</p>
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Classification	Health, Disability, and Aged Support > Core Health
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Available grade	Achieved
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Explanatory notes

- Legislation and standards relevant to this unit standard include:
 Health and Disability Commissioner (Code of Health and Disability Services Consumers' Rights) Regulations 1996 (the Code of Rights);
 Health and Disability Services (Safety) Act 2001;
 Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992;
 Human Rights Act 1993;
 Privacy Act 1993;
 NZS 8134.0:2008 *Health and disability services Standards – Health and disability services (general) Standard*;
 NZS 8134.1:2008 *Health and disability services Standards – Health and disability services (core) Standards*;
 NZS 8134.3:2008 *Health and disability services Standards – Health and disability services (infection prevention and control) Standards*;
 NZS 8158:2012 *Home and community support sector Standard*; available at <http://www.standards.co.nz/>.
- References
 ACC, New Zealand. (2017) *Guiding principles for pressure injury prevention and management in New Zealand*. Wellington, New Zealand.
 National Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel, European Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel and Pan Pacific Pressure Injury Alliance (2014), *Prevention and Treatment of Pressure Ulcers: Quick Reference Guide* (Cambridge Media: Perth); available at <http://www.npuap.org/>.

Nursing Council of New Zealand. (2011). Guideline: responsibilities for direction and delegation of care to enrolled nurses. Wellington, New Zealand: Author.

3 Definitions

Health or wellbeing setting includes but is not limited to – the aged care, acute care, community support, disability, mental health, and social services sectors.

Health professional – refers to a person who is registered with an authority (which is appointed by or under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003) as a practitioner of a particular health profession to deliver health services in accordance with a defined scope of practice.

Organisational policies and procedures – policies, procedures and methodologies of an organisation. They include legislative and regulatory requirements which may apply across a company, a specific site, or a workplace. Requirements are documented in the company's health and safety plans, contract work programmes, quality assurance programmes, policies and procedural documents.

Person – a person accessing services. Other terms used for the person may include client, consumer, customer, patient, individual, resident, service user, tūroro, or tangata whai ora.

Outcomes and evidence requirements

Outcome 1

Describe the social and economic impacts of pressure injuries in New Zealand.

Evidence requirements

- 1.1 The social and physical impacts of pressure injuries are described for affected patients, carers and families/whānau.
- 1.2 The general economic impact of pressure injuries are described for the health and wellbeing sectors.

Outcome 2

Describe how pressure injuries can occur.

Evidence requirements

- 2.1 The anatomy of the skin and the physiological process by which pressure injuries occur are described.
- 2.2 Pressure sites on the body are identified.
- 2.3 Risk factors contributing to skin breakdown and pressure injuries are described.

Range factors may include but are not limited to – weight, nutritional status, mobility, age, bony prominences, co-morbidities, incontinence, medications, clothing, footwear; evidence is required for nutrition, incorrect use of equipment/aids and three other factors.

Outcome 3

Describe care to prevent pressure injuries.

Evidence requirements

- 3.1 Care is described in terms of skin inspections, observing, identifying and reporting changes in the person's skin and condition.
- 3.2 Interventions that can reduce the risk of skin breakdown and pressure injuries are described in terms of best practice and organisational policies and procedures.
- Range evidence is required for three interventions one of which must be equipment/aids.
- 3.3 Care is described in terms of escalation to a delegated professional.

Outcome 4

Explain the importance of providing prevention, early detection and early treatment information to support client awareness, client self-management and prevention of non-complex pressure injuries.

Evidence requirements

- 4.1 The importance of providing information to clients is explained in terms of organisational policies and procedures and supporting clients to recognise risks.
- 4.2 The importance of providing information to clients is explained in terms of organisational policies and procedures and supporting them to know appropriate preventive measures and appropriate management measures.
- 4.3 Providing information to the whānau, family or natural supports of the client is explained in terms of organisational policies and procedures.
- 4.4 The importance of providing information to clients is explained in terms of clear communication, appropriate communication methods/media and confirming understanding.

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Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

Process	Version	Date	Last Date for Assessment
Registration	1	16 April 2015	N/A

Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference	0024
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This CMR can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

Please note

Providers must be granted consent to assess against standards (accredited) by NZQA, before they can report credits from assessment against unit standards or deliver courses of study leading to that assessment.

Industry Training Organisations must be granted consent to assess against standards by NZQA before they can register credits from assessment against unit standards.

Providers and Industry Training Organisations, which have been granted consent and which are assessing against unit standards must engage with the moderation system that applies to those standards.

Requirements for consent to assess and an outline of the moderation system that applies to this standard are outlined in the Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR). The CMR also includes useful information about special requirements for organisations wishing to develop education and training programmes, such as minimum qualifications for tutors and assessors, and special resource requirements.

Comments on this unit standard

Please contact the Community Support Services ITO Limited enquiries@careerforce.org.nz if you wish to suggest changes to the content of this unit standard.