

# SPEECH NZ NZQA

## QUALIFICATION EQUIVALENCY

### SPEECH NZ CELEBRATES NZQA EQUIVALENCY RECOGNITION FOR MICRO-CREDENTIALS

Speech NZ is delighted to announce that the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) has formally recognised several of our micro-credentials for equivalency.

#### Credentials Framework (NZQCF)

This recognition is a milestone for Speech NZ, affirming the quality and value of our courses in communication, public speaking, teaching, and performance.

While these micro-credentials are not formally part of the NZQCF, the equivalency evaluation gives students *ākonga* and employers a clear understanding of how each course aligns with nationally recognised levels of study and learning hours.

#### What This Means for Our Courses

Here is how each of our micro-credentials have been assessed by NZQA:

[NZQA Website link](#)

| QUALIFICATION                                                                      | EQUIVALENT CREDITS AND LEVEL        |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Introduction to Communicating in Leadership                                        | Equivalent to 2 credits at Level 1  |
| Certificate in Professional Speaking                                               | Equivalent to 4 credits at Level 3  |
| Advanced Certificate in Professional Speaking                                      | Equivalent to 5 credits at Level 4  |
| Associate Diploma (ASB) in Performance – Speech and Drama                          | Equivalent to 10 credits at Level 4 |
| Associate Diploma (ASB) in Public Speaking and Communication Performance           | Equivalent to 10 credits at Level 4 |
| Diploma in Professional Speaking                                                   | Equivalent to 6 credits at Level 5  |
| Advanced Associate Diploma (AASB) in Performance – Speech and Drama                | Equivalent to 10 credits at Level 5 |
| Advanced Associate Diploma (AASB) in Teaching – Speech and Drama                   | Equivalent to 12 credits at Level 5 |
| Advanced Associate Diploma (AASB) in Public Speaking and Communication Performance | Equivalent to 10 credits at Level 5 |
| Advanced Associate Diploma (AASB) in Teaching Public Speaking and Communication    | Equivalent to 12 credits at Level 5 |

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### WHY THIS MATTERS

#### For Students *ākonga*

This recognition provides clarity and credibility. It means you can now reference your Speech NZ qualification in terms of education levels and credits.

It also enables graduates to clearly demonstrate to employers and education providers the depth of knowledge, commitment, and hours of work *mahi* that go into completing this qualification.

While we can't promise universities will automatically grant credit, we strongly encourage graduates to put this forward when applying, it showcases the substance of their achievement and may support cross-credit considerations.

#### For Teachers *kaiako* and Employers

It affirms that Speech NZ's micro-credentials meet national expectations for learning at the stated levels. This makes it easier to understand the scope of study, assess achievement, and support pathways for further work *mahi* or study.

With this new recognition from NZQA, our learners' *ākonga* achievements can be more clearly mapped to the national framework, enhancing opportunities both within education and in professional contexts.

#### What it Means for Speech NZ

We're really excited about this step forward, it's going to open up more opportunities, give you recognition that really counts, and make the whole process smoother and more rewarding. Instead of chasing accreditation that doesn't quite fit who we are, we're choosing a path that lets us celebrate achievement on our own terms, flexible, meaningful, and designed to highlight the skills that matter most.

This is the best possible move we can make right now, and we can't wait for you to experience how much more empowering and accessible it will feel. It's about recognition, credibility, and keeping the focus where it belongs: on you and your growth.

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