

SPEECH NZ NZQA

QUALIFICATION EQUIVALENCY

NZQA EQUIVALENCY RECOGNITION FOR SPEECH NEW ZEALAND MICRO-CREDENTIALS

The New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) has formally recognised several Speech New Zealand micro-credentials as equivalent to specified levels on the New Zealand Qualifications Framework (NZQF).

Recognition Overview

This recognition for Speech New Zealand, confirms the academic quality, integrity, and value of its courses in communication, public speaking, teaching, and performance.

Although these micro-credentials are not formally listed on the NZQF, NZQA's equivalency evaluation provides a transparent benchmark. It allows learners *ākonga*, educators *kaiako*, and employers to understand 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 Equivalency Register](#)

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
Diploma in Professional Speaking	Equivalent to 6 credits at Level 5
Associate Diploma (ASB) in Performance Speech and Drama	Equivalent to 10 credits at Level 4
Advanced Associate Diploma (AASB) in Performance – Speech and Drama	Equivalent to 10 credits at Level 5
Associate Diploma (ASB) in Public Speaking and Communication Performance	Equivalent to 10 credits at Level 4
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
Advanced Associate Diploma (AASB) in Teaching Speech and Drama	Equivalent to 12 credits at Level 5



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WHY THIS MATTERS

NZQA Equivalency Assessment

NZQA has assessed each Speech New Zealand micro-credential and assigned equivalency levels based on scope, learning outcomes, and total study hours. Full details are available on the NZQA Equivalency Register.

Significance for Learners *ākonga*

For learners *ākonga*, this recognition provides enhanced clarity and credibility. Graduates can reference their Speech New Zealand qualification in terms of nationally recognised education levels and credits.

This validation assists learners *ākonga* in demonstrating to employers and tertiary institutions the level of knowledge, skill development, and commitment required to complete these qualifications.

While universities may not automatically grant credit transfer, graduates are encouraged to present their Speech New Zealand micro-credentials when applying for further study. This recognition supports consideration for cross-credit or advanced standing opportunities.

Significance for Educators and Employers

For educators and employers, the NZQA equivalency confirms that Speech New Zealand's micro-credentials meet national expectations for learning at the stated levels. This alignment facilitates better understanding of qualification scope, learner *ākonga* achievement, and pathways to further education or professional development.

The recognition enables employers and institutions to more accurately map Speech New Zealand achievements within national qualification frameworks.

Strategic Importance for Speech New Zealand

This recognition reinforces Speech New Zealand's commitment to providing meaningful, flexible, and credible learning pathways that reflect both educational rigour and real-world relevance. This equivalency pathway acknowledges the organisation's strength in delivering practical, skill-focused education and strengthens the value of its qualifications in both academic and professional contexts.