

NZQA FAQs "How to maximise RYDA participation benefits among your students by offering complimentary NZQA standards"

1. Are students who attend a RYDA course eligible for NZQA standards?

Yes. There are direct links between RYDA and the following unit standards:

3464 Describe human risk factors in terms of a self-management strategy for a driver (good coverage)

3465 Describe driving hazards and risk reduction strategies and responses to driving hazards (partial coverage)

3472 Describe factors contributing to and consequences of road crashes (good coverage)

1734 Demonstrate knowledge of stress, health and fatigue for driving (good coverage)

17563 Demonstrate knowledge of the New Zealand Graduated Driver Licensing System (GDLS)(partial coverage)

2. How does our school give credit to students participating in RYDA?

To award these standards, in most cases a school needs consent to assess from NZQA. Many secondary schools currently have consent to assess for some or all of these standards, for example approximately one third of schools in New Zealand have consent to assess the domain of Core Driving Knowledge and Skills to Level 2 which includes the above standards.

3. Our school has consent to assess the road safety standards. How do we assess the students?

A schools consent to assess means NZQA has verified the school has the capability to deliver the courses to students (a combination of them attending the RYDA program, and supplementary teaching) and assess them. Schools develop their own assessment tasks/activities or obtain them from external sources - colleagues in other schools, or the NZ Motor Industry Training Organisation (MITO). Schools then report credit to NZQA through their own provider code to NZQA. The school takes responsibility for the quality of the assessment.

4. Does the RYDA programme fulfil the learning requirements for the unit standards?

The six RYDA modules are relevant to standards listed to varying degrees. Some extra teaching would be necessary by the appropriately qualified person on your staff before students are assessed.

5. Our school has consent to assess other courses but not related to the road safety standards. Can we extend it?

Schools can extend their consent to assess by applying to NZQA. There is a formal application process (and cost of \$230) for schools applying to extend their scope of consent. The paperwork runs at a couple of pages.

The main requirement is whether your school can attest that they have staff in the school with sufficient expertise/experience to be able to assess students against this standard.

Some schools use external providers if they lack the expertise. Being awarded the consent means school have recognised capability to manage the full assessment process, irrespective of whether external help may be available.

6. What if we want to deliver one or more of the standards but not apply for consent to assess?

Schools can obtain a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with MITO. Schools with an MoU with MITO don't generally have consent to assess. Practical training and all assessment is completed by a MITO Registered Assessor. The School is able to access the assessment material free of charge from MITO.

There is a cost associated with the assessment that the school needs to negotiate and pay to the MITO Registered Assessor. The credits are reported using MITO's provider code, and MITO takes responsibility for the quality of the assessment.

7. How can my school get support from MITO?

Schools can deliver training and assessment with either consent to assess or an MoU with MITO. The assessment material is free of charge from MITO under either option.

Schools who want application information to gain consent to assess, or an MOU with MITO can contact MITO (best contact?).