

MCAT Clarifications

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To Whom it concerns,

As I did not teach year 11 this year, I have only just looked at the clarifications and assessment specifications.

- I could not find any clarifications where they would normally be:

<http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/qualifications-standards/qualifications/ncea/subjects/mathematics/clarifications/level-1/level-1-achievement-standards-mathematics-and-statistics/>

- I found them here <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/qualifications-standards/qualifications/ncea/subjects/assessment-specifications/mathematics-l1/>

I assume there are two places for clarifications, one for internals and one for externals.

I simply would not expect clarifications of a standard to be under "assessment specifications".

I do not think that 'assessment specifications' are an appropriate place to CHANGE a standard.

It seems very underhanded to change a standard via information held in a link given in the standard. No PDF document, so they could change the clarifications any time - even after the assessment!

With no fresh exemplars provided - and such a big shift....these hidden clarifications did nothing to guide teachers and students.

This is just nuts! Teaching 18 NCEA standards this year, it would help if the STANDARD did not change, that the assessment did not change much either. This constant change, trying to hit a moving target, undermines the teaching and learning.

On another note, the 2016 MCAT is a nice 'assessment FOR learning', and a terrible 'assessment OF learning'.

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