

Nutrient Reference Values (NRV) Questionnaire

PART 1 – STAKEHOLDER DETAILS

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1.	<p>Describe briefly the main purpose and function of your organisation.</p> <p>The National Council of Women of New Zealand (NCWNZ) is an umbrella organisation representing 41 nationally organised societies. It has 33 branches throughout the country attended by representatives of those societies and some 150 other societies. The Council's function is to serve women, the family and the community at local, national and international levels through research, study, discussion and action.</p> <p>Ten specialist Standing Committees, working through various forms of correspondence, study issues relating to their particular subjects and, with input where possible from the general membership, prepare submissions on legislation and discussion documents. The Parliamentary Watch Committee monitors changes to legislation and makes oral submissions before the Select Committees of Parliament.</p>

PART 2 – IMPORTANCE OF NRV GUIDELINES

2.	<p>Explain in general terms the relevance and importance of the NRV guidelines to your organisation.</p> <p>They are used for informing discussion on the dietary intake of women and children, and the health of the population in general.</p>
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3.

List the main (top 3) sources of NRV information in your setting? e.g. conduct own research; primary literature; clinical practice guidelines, internet sites etc.

published references

Internet sites

Individual's knowledge

4.

Explain how you usually locate and retrieve NRV information in your organisation and how you use it.

it is located through having the reference documents or being referred to them or through internet searching.

5.

Do you incorporate NRV information into other systems and/or re-work and re-use it for other purposes? Please provide details.

No

6.

Describe any gaps in, or barriers to, your specific needs with regard to NRV information and what is available / how it is available. [Note: this is not about content but about format, availability at time of need, ease of access etc].

Having access by our dispersed membership to any documents – if these are web based then there is opportunity for greater access as an estimated 50% of our membership has web access. If we have to purchase a published document, usually only one copy is purchased.

7.

Can you describe at least one way in which the process of search, retrieval and use of NRV information could be improved for you?

Making the information freely available through the Internet would improve access – but this cannot be the sole method of access; those users of the information who are not web enabled must still be accommodated.

8.

Ideally, what is the best way for you to receive / use NRV information and what is the best format (e.g. print, electronic file, HTML etc)?

Electronic, and probably HTML format – it depends on the search capability that will be provided.

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Practically, what is the best way for you to receive / use NRV information and what is the best format (e.g. print, electronic files, HTML etc)?

Electronic, and probably HTML format – it depends on the search capability that will be provided.

10.

Does your organisation have any policies/guidelines/standards that dictate specific file formats or technologies that must be adhered to? e.g. specific browser type, etc. Please describe.

Our preference is that the solution is NOT browser or format dependent. The NZ government has issued some very clear and minimal standards for government agencies to adhere to and these should form the basis of any electronic development. While businesses and research/university establishments mostly have high or current technology the individual consumer and community sector people (especially those not in paid employment) who need information do not necessarily have the most up-to-date equipment. Accessibility is key.



PART 3 – OTHER

Whatever technology platform is used for the delivery of the NRV, retrievability of the information (through information architecture and search engine) is far more important than intense graphic design visuals. Recent research confirms that the order of user preference is to have complete information available and that it is findable, there is no interest in version (though the version should be identified), plain text is fine (unless the pictures or diagrams are an integral part of the information), and design or ‘prettiness’ is immaterial.

I have read the warning and disclaimer and I accept, acknowledge and agree.
