

## National Diploma in Ambulance (Paramedic) (Level 6)

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| <b>Level</b>   | <b>6</b>   |
| <b>Credits</b> | <b>120</b> |

This qualification is **expiring**. The last date to meet the requirements is 31 December 2012.

### Purpose

This qualification recognises the skills and knowledge required for ambulance officers to work in the field as paramedics. It builds upon the National Certificate in Ambulance (Patient Care and Transport) (Level 4) [Ref: 0206], which is one of two possible prerequisites for this qualification.

People awarded this qualification will be able to demonstrate advanced patient care skills particularly in the following areas:

- initiation of intravenous therapy in cases of severe hypovolaemia or medical emergency;
- cardiac monitoring, basic arrhythmia recognition and defibrillation;
- assessment of patients and initiation of care;
- administration of selected drugs;
- advanced arrhythmia recognition and subsequent drug therapy;
- advanced airway management by endotracheal intubation, emergency cricothyrotomy, and the use of chest drains for thoracic traumatic emergencies.

### Special Notes

Prerequisite: National Certificate in Ambulance (Patient Care and Transport) (Level 4) [Ref: 0206] or the Proficiency Ambulance Aid Certificate, or the demonstration of equivalent knowledge and skills.

### Credit Range

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| Level 6 credits | 120 |
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## Requirements for Award of Qualification

### Award of NQF Qualifications

Credit gained for a standard may be used only once to meet the requirements of this qualification.

Unit standards and achievement standards that are equivalent in outcome are mutually exclusive for the purpose of award. The table of mutually exclusive standards is provided in section 7 of the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) *Rules and Procedures* publications available at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/acrp/index.html>.

Reviewed standards that continue to recognise the same overall outcome are registered as new versions and retain their identification number (ID). Any version of a standard with the same ID may be used to meet qualification requirements that list the ID and/or that specify the past or current classification of the standard.

### Summary of Requirements

- Compulsory standards

### Detailed Requirements

#### Compulsory

The following standards are required

Health > Emergency Services > Ambulance

| ID   | Title  | Level | Credit |
|------|--|-------|--------|
| 6226 | Administer drugs in ambulance services   | 6     | 30     |
| 6229 | Manage acute cardiac events in ambulance services                                | 6     | 15     |
| 6234 | Treat hypovolaemic shock in ambulance services                                   | 6     | 15     |
| 6235 | Assess patients and initiate paramedic care in ambulance services                | 6     | 30     |
| 6517 | Manage life threatening airway and ventilation emergencies in ambulance services | 6     | 30     |

### Transition Arrangements

#### Version 4

Version 4 was issued to indicate that this qualification is expiring.

For detailed information see [Review Summaries](#) on the NZQA website.

#### Previous versions of the qualification

Version 3 was updated to reflect the change of standard setting responsibility from the New Zealand Ambulance Education Council to the ElectroTechnology Industry Training Organisation in July 2004.

Version 2 was registered following the review of the Ambulance standards. The structure of the qualification was not changed.

Version 1 of this qualification replaced the Post-Proficiency Module (Intravenous Therapy), the Post-Proficiency Module (Monitoring and Defibrillation), and the Certificate in Advanced Ambulance Aid (Paramedic) in March 1996. Transition arrangements for those qualifications expired in June 1996.

The ambulance industry will continue to recognise the Post-proficiency Modules in Intravenous Therapy and in Monitoring and Defibrillation, and the Certificate in Advanced Ambulance Aid (Paramedic) as valid qualifications for working as an ambulance officer. For more information please contact the ElectroTechnology Industry Training Organisation (ETITO).

## NQF Registration Information

| Process      | Version | Date           | Last Date for Assessment |
|--------------|---------|----------------|--------------------------|
| Registration | 1       | September 1996 | December 2012            |
| Review       | 2       | August 1999    | December 2012            |
| Revision     | 3       | March 2006     | December 2012            |
| Review       | 4       | November 2009  | December 2012            |

## Standard Setting Body

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## Other standard setting bodies whose standards are included in the qualification

New Zealand Ambulance Education Council

## Certification

This certificate will display the logos of NZQA, the ElectroTechnology Industry Training Organisation and the accredited organisation.

## Classification

This qualification is classified according to the NQT classification system and the New Zealand Standard Classification of Education (NZSCED) system as specified below.

| NQT Classification |   | NZSCED |   |
|--------------------|---|--------|---|
| Code               | Description                             | Code   | Description                                 |
| 1064               | Health > Emergency Services > Ambulance | 069905 | Health > Other Health > Paramedical Studies |

### Quality Management Systems

Providers and Industry Training Organisations must be accredited by a recognised Quality Assurance Body before they can register credits from assessment against standards. Accredited providers and Industry Training Organisations assessing against standards must engage with the moderation system that applies to those standards. Accreditation requirements and the moderation system are outlined in the associated Accreditation and Moderation Action Plan (AMAP) for each standard.

## Prerequisite Diagram

