

## National Certificate in Aquaculture (Level 4)

**Level** 4

**Credits** 40

### Purpose

This qualification is designed to recognise the skills and knowledge of employees or potential employees in the aquaculture industry.

The Compulsory section includes standards which cover presenting an overview of the New Zealand and global aquaculture industry and explaining the management of environmental best practice in the aquaculture industry.

The Elective section allows candidates to choose relevant standards from the Aquaculture and Aquaculture Diving domains.

This qualification builds on the skills and knowledge covered in the National Certificate in Aquaculture (Level 3) [Ref: 1620].

### Credit Range

	Compulsory	Elective
Level 4 or above credits	25	15
Minimum total	40	

### Requirements for Award of Qualification

#### Award of NZQF National 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 on the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) website: <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/qualifications-standards/standards/standards-exclusion-list/>.

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

- A minimum of 40 credits at Level 4 or above
- Compulsory standards
- Elective – A minimum of 15 credits as specified

## Detailed Requirements

### Compulsory

The following standards are required

Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries > Seafood > Aquaculture

ID	Title	Level	Credit
19218	Present an overview of the New Zealand and global aquaculture industry	4	10
19773	Explain the management of environmental best practice in the aquaculture industry	4	15

### Elective

A minimum of 15 credits at Level 4 or above

Field	Subfield	Domain
Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries	Seafood	Aquaculture
		Aquaculture Diving

## Transition Arrangements

### Version 2

Version 2 was issued following review.

Changes to structure and content

- The structure of the qualification was updated from two elective sections to a Compulsory and an Elective section.
- The credit total of the qualification decreased from 60 to 40 credits.
- Standards 18487, 18488, 19217, 19219, 19220, 19774, 20308, 21952, 21953, 23646, and 23647 are no longer specified in the qualification but are included in the Aquaculture and Aquaculture Diving domains from which candidates can choose standards in the Elective section.
- Standards 19218 and 19773 were retained and included in the new Compulsory section of the qualification.

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

People currently enrolled in programmes leading to the award of version 1 of this qualification may either complete that version or transfer to this version of the qualification.

It is not intended that any existing candidates are disadvantaged by this review. However, anyone who feels that they have been disadvantaged should contact the standard setter at the address below.

## NZQF National Qualification Registration Information

Process	Version	Date	Last Date for Assessment
Registration	1	August 2008	December 2013
Review	2	February 2011	NA

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### Planned Review

Any person or organisation may contribute to the review of this qualification by sending feedback to the standard setting body at the above address.

Next Review	2014
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### Certification

This certificate will display the logos of NZQA, the Seafood ITO and the organisation that has been granted consent to assess against standards that meet the requirements of the qualification (accredited).

### Classification

This qualification is classified according to the classification system listed on the Directory of Assessment Standards (DAS) and the New Zealand Standard Classification of Education (NZSCED) system as specified below.

DAS Classification		NZSCED	
Code	Description	Code	Description
1059	Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries > Seafood > Aquaculture	050701	Agriculture, Environmental and Related Studies > Fisheries Studies > Aquaculture

**Quality Management Systems**

Providers and Industry Training Organisations must be granted consent to assess 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.