

National Certificate in Aquaculture (Freshwater Fish Farming) (Level 3)

Level 3

Credits 60

Purpose

This national certificate recognises the skills and knowledge of freshwater fish farming. As a result, this qualification is for people who are working in freshwater farming operations as hatchery workers, supervisors, or farm workers.

This qualification consists of a compulsory section and an elective section. Standards in the compulsory section include freshwater fish farming knowledge and skills such as describing the feeding of farmed fin fish, carrying out a biomass assessment of farmed fin fish, and monitoring and maintaining the rearing of a freshwater fish species. The elective section allows candidates to choose standards from within the Aquaculture and Aquaculture Diving domains that complement their role and the requirements of the farm.

People who have completed this qualification are also able to undertake the National Certificate in Aquaculture (Caged Fish Farming) (Level 3) [Ref: 1460], which shares standards in common with this qualification.

Credit Range

	Compulsory	Elective
Level 2 credits	-	20
Level 3 or above credits	25	15-35
Total	60	

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
- Elective – A minimum of 35 credits as specified

Detailed Requirements

Compulsory

The following standards are required

Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries > Seafood > Aquaculture

ID	Title	Level	Credit
18483	Describe the feeding of farmed fin fish	3	15
19848	Carry out a biomass assessment of farmed fin fish	3	5
20466	Monitor and maintain the rearing of a freshwater fish species	3	5

Elective

A minimum of 35 credits

- Of which a minimum of 15 credits at Level 3 or above

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

Transition Arrangements

Version 2

Version 2 was issued to account for the registration of the Aquaculture Diving domain.

Changes to structure and content

- The Aquaculture Diving domain was added to the Elective.

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

There are no transition consequences for any existing candidates. However, candidates currently working towards version 1 of this qualification may either complete the requirements for that version or transfer to version 2. All new candidates will be enrolled onto version 2.

NQF Registration Information

Process	Version	Date	Last Date for Assessment
Registration	1	December 2008	N/A
Revision	2	January 2010	N/A

Standard Setting Body

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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.

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Certification

This certificate will display the logos of NZQA, Seafood ITO and the accredited organisation.

Classification

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

NQF 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 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.