

**FIELD      AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES****Review of *Agriculture* unit standards**

<b>Subfield</b>	<b>domain</b>	<b>id</b>
Agriculture	apiculture	17, 46, 47

The Agriculture Industry Training Organisation has completed the review of the unit standards listed above that were registered in 1997.

***Date review completed***                      **April 2003**

**Outline of review process**

The beekeeping sector of the agriculture industry identified a need for unit standards and a qualification to recognise competencies for the role of beekeeper's assistant.

A working team representing the beekeeping industry and training providers met to identify the outcomes for this role. As part of these initial discussions, the registered unit standards listed above were reviewed against the actual outcomes of the beekeeper's assistant.

Information gathered from this meeting and subsequent industry consultation identified the changes necessary to the above unit standards as well as additional unit standards required to reflect the outcomes of the beekeeper's assistant.

The wider industry and training providers were sent drafts and invited to provide input. Several drafts were developed in order to accommodate the needs of as many of the stakeholders as possible.

**Main changes resulting from the review**

The review process resulted in the following changes to the unit standards.

- Unit standards 17 and 47 were both designated as C category reviews and replaced by 19885 and 19891 respectively.
- Unit standard 46 was designated as expiring because the content is covered by unit standards 19885 (replacement for 17), 19887, and 19889.
- The new unit standards include
  - Titles that match the content of the unit standards.
  - Credits that more accurately reflect the time taken for skills and knowledge acquisition and assessment.
  - Content of unit standards 19885 and 19891 reflect current industry practices.
  - References and legislation added to reflect current industry requirements.

***Expiry date for unit standards designated as category C or D***

**December 2004**

### Impact on existing accreditations

Current Accreditation for			Accreditation extended to		
Nature of accreditation	Name or id	Level	Nature of accreditation	Name or id	Level
unit standard	17	2	unit standard	19885	2
unit standard	46	3	unit standard	19885, 19887, 19889	2
unit standard	47	3	unit standard	19891	3

### Impact on existing qualifications

None. However, the following arrangements will be put in place for the proposed National Certificate in Apiculture (Level 2).

#### Transition

People who enrol in programmes leading to the qualification, and who have gained credit for any of the expiring unit standards, will be exempt from the requirements to gain credit for the replacement unit standards.

Expiring unit standards	Replacement unit standards
17	19885
47	19891

Any person who feels that they have been disadvantaged by the transition should contact:

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### Summary of main changes to unit standards' ids, classification, titles, levels, and credits

The following summary shows the changes made to unit standards as a result of the review. All changes are in **bold**.

#### Key to review category

- A Dates changed - the replacement unit standard carries the same id and a new version number
- B More significant changes, but the overall outcome remains the same - the replacement unit standard carries the same id and a new version number
- C Major changes that necessitate the registration of a replacement unit standard with a new id
- D Unit standard will expire and not be replaced

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domain        apiculture

id	Title	Level	Credit	Review category
17 19885	Perform elementary beekeeping practices <b>Open and close a beehive, work in an apiary, and feed a beehive</b>	2	2 5	C
46 19885 and 19887 and 19889	Undertake general beekeeping tasks <b><i>There are no direct replacements for unit standard 46. The closest replacement unit standards are:</i></b> <i>Open and close a beehive, work in an apiary, and feed a beehive</i> <i>Identify disease in a bee colony, and carry out apiary site management in the presence of disease</i> <i>Prepare a beehive for wintering</i>	3 2 2 2	4 5 3 2	D
47 19891	Harvest honey <b>Remove honey from a beehive, and assist with extraction of honey and product processing</b>	3	3 6	C
19883	<b>Demonstrate knowledge of beehive, and beehive frame assembly and repair</b>	2	2	New
19884	<b>Construct and repair beehives, and beehive frames</b>	2	4	New
19886	<b>Demonstrate knowledge of disease in the bee colony</b>	2	3	New
19887	<b>Identify disease in a bee colony, and carry out apiary site management in the presence of disease</b>	2	3	New
19888	<b>Demonstrate knowledge of the New Zealand beekeeping industry, and career and training opportunities</b>	2	2	New
19889	<b>Prepare a beehive for wintering</b>	2	2	New
19890	<b>Requeen a beehive</b>	2	3	New
19892	<b>Shift beehives</b>	2	3	New
19893	<b>Describe physical characteristics of bees and their behaviour</b>	2	3	New