

**FIELD                      SERVICE SECTOR****Review of *Scaffolding* qualification****National Certificate in Scaffolding with strands in Advanced Scaffolding, Basic Scaffolding, and Suspended Scaffolding [Ref: 0110]**

Opportunity - The Training Organisation, through Scaffolding, Rigging and Industrial Rope Access Industry Training (SRIIT) has completed the review of the qualification listed above.

**New qualification**

National Certificate in Scaffolding (Elementary) (Level 3) [Ref: 1352]

**Date new versions published****January 2008**

The next National Certificate in Scaffolding (Level 4) with strands in Advanced Scaffolding, and Suspended Scaffolding [Ref: 0110] review is planned to take place later in 2008.

The next National Certificate in Scaffolding (Elementary) (Level 3) [Ref: 1352] review is planned to take place during 2013.

**Summary of review and consultation process**

This review is the first stage of a planned and ongoing review process. Feedback was sought from stakeholders through representatives of interest groups such as employers, unions, training organisations and assessors. The executive of SRIIT, comprising representatives of these and other groups (such as candidates and wider industry) also consulted their constituencies and commented accordingly. The general review thrust and the specific content of the new elementary qualification were further confirmed at the most recent annual conference and AGM of the advisory group.

The review took into account a recent review of scaffolding standards. The review of standards resulted in the replacement of 4200-4203 by standards 23223-23227 and 20855-20860. In light of these developments, the industry decided to utilise a number of the new standards in a new qualification, the National Certificate in Scaffolding (Elementary) (Level 3) [Ref: 1352].

The new qualification incorporates many of the new standards and therefore effectively rendered the Basic Scaffolding strand of this qualification obsolete. Industry demand continues for the other strands, though it should be noted that the industry intends to develop an intermediate qualification, and separate advanced scaffolding and suspended scaffolding qualifications in due course. At which point this qualification will be deregistered.

**Main changes resulting from the review**

The Basic Scaffolding strand has been replaced by the National Certificate in Scaffolding (Elementary) (Level 3) [Ref: 1352]. The title and formatting of the qualification have been amended to reflect these changes.

The National Certificate in Scaffolding (Elementary) (Level 3) [Ref: 1352] has become a prerequisite to entry to the Advanced Scaffolding strand.

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**National Certificate in Scaffolding (Level 4) with strands in Advanced Scaffolding, and Suspended Scaffolding [Ref: 0110]**

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Changes to structure and content

- The Basic Scaffolding strand has been removed.
- The National Certificate in Scaffolding (Elementary) (Level 3) [Ref: 1352] has been added as a prerequisite for the Advanced Scaffolding strand.
- The title of standard 497 has been updated and credit increased from 1 to 3.
- The total credits required for the qualification have been adjusted accordingly.
- The level of the qualification has been added to the title.

### Transition

People enrolled in programmes leading to the award of the Basic Scaffolding strand of the National Certificate in Scaffolding [Ref: 0110] may either complete that programme, or transfer to the National Certificate in Scaffolding (Elementary) (Level 3) [Ref: 1352]. People enrolled in programmes leading to the award of the Advanced Scaffolding and Suspended Scaffolding strands may either complete version 4 or transfer to version 5.

The last date for enrolment in programmes leading to the award of version 4 is 30 June 2008.

The last date for assessments to take place for version 4 is 31 December 2010.

For those who have partially completed the Basic Scaffolding strand and wish to transfer to the National Certificate in Scaffolding (Elementary) (Level 3) [Ref: 1352], the following exemptions apply.

| Credit for | Exempt from   |
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| 4200       | 20855, 20856  |
| 4201       | 20857, 20858, 20859, 20860, 23223, 23224, 23225, 23226, 23227 |
| 4202       | 20855, 23228  |
| 4203       | 23224, 23225, 23226, 23227                                    |

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### Key to Qualification Review Categories

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| <b>Category A</b><br>The qualification is published as a new version with the same NQF ID | Changes are made to SSB name, contact details or purpose statement   |
|   | No change is made to title, rules or components of the qualification   |
|   | No transition arrangements are required  |
| <b>Category B</b><br>The qualification is published as a new version with the same NQF ID | Changes are made to title, rules or components   |
|   | The new version of the qualification recognises a similar skill set to that recognised by the previous version   |
|   | The SSB is confident that people awarded the new or previous version are comparable in terms of competence   |
|   | Transition arrangements are required if candidates must gain additional/different credits for the new version  |
| <b>Category C</b><br>A new (replacement) qualification is published with new NQF ID       | Significant changes are made to the qualification in terms of components, structure, type or level   |
|   | The SSB views people with the replacement qualification as being significantly different in terms of competence from those with the replaced qualification |
|   | Transition arrangements are required   |
|   | Transition may be limited to phase-out dates   |
| <b>Category D</b><br>Qualification will expire.<br>There is no replacement qualification  | Qualification is no longer required by industry  |
|   | The qualification is designated as expiring and a last date for meeting the qualification requirements is set  |