

FIELD COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES**Review of *Journalism* qualification****National Diploma in Journalism with strands in Magazine, Newspaper, Radio, and Television [Ref: 0326]**

The NZ Journalists Training Organisation has completed the review of the above qualification.

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The next qualification review is planned to take place during 2012.

Summary of review and consultation process

The review of this qualification formed part of the review of the level 5 Journalism unit standards undertaken during 2006 and 2007, when working groups comprising representatives from tertiary providers and the media industry were established to look at what was required to update the qualification. The groups represented the diverse journalism areas for writing, reporting, workplace, technical skills, broadcasting, cultural, and law and ethics. Assessors and moderators were also invited to contribute to the review, and their feedback was considered along with that of the other groups.

The groups acknowledged that the present qualification was unsatisfactory and did not meet the present needs of the industry and the profession and it was agreed that a more flexible qualification be developed, with the intention that a level 6 stranded qualification also be developed in the near future which would be available for those wishing to specialise in a particular sector of news media.

Main changes resulting from the review

The structure of version 4 of the qualification is significantly different from the earlier version. The title has changed, and strands have been removed. The qualification now consists of a compulsory section, which includes two standards from Business Information Processing, and a single elective section from which candidates are required to achieve a minimum of three standards. The change in structure gives added flexibility to the teaching programmes and to the qualification itself.

The content of the qualification was updated to reflect the outcome of the review of the level 5 Journalism unit standards.

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National Diploma in Journalism (Multi-media) (Level 5) [Ref: 0326]

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Changes to structure and content

- title of qualification was changed
- core compulsory and core elective sections were replaced with a compulsory section
- strands were replaced with a single elective section

- expiring standards listed in the table below were replaced to reflect the outcome of their review
- expiring standards 10361, 10371, 10372 and 10373 were removed from the qualification
- standards 117, 16679, and 23108 were included in the compulsory section
- standard 23127 was included in the elective section
- credit total increased from 120 to 134 credits.

Transition

From February 2008, all new trainees will be enrolled in training programmes leading to version 4 of the qualification. People currently working towards versions 1-3 of the qualification may either complete the requirements for those versions or transfer their results to the new version of the qualification under the guidance of the NZ Journalists Training Organisation.

The final date for assessments to take place for versions 1-3 is 31 December 2009.

This qualification contains standards that replaced earlier standards. For the purposes of this qualification people who have gained credit for the expiring standards are exempt from the requirement to gain credit for the replacement standards.

Credit for	Exempt from
10372	117
10373	16679
10355, 10356, 10357	23106
10355, 10356, 10365	23106
10359	23109
10366	23111
10367	23111
10368	23111
10376	23116
10377	23117
10378	23118
10379	23119
10360	23121
10381	23122
10382	23123
10358	23124
10362, 10364, 10370, 10383, 10384	23125
10363, 10385	23126

It is anticipated that no existing candidates will be disadvantaged by these transition arrangements. However, anyone who feels that they have been disadvantaged may appeal to the NZ Journalists Training Organisation who will consider appeals on a case by case basis.

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Key to Qualification Review Categories

Category A 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
Category B 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
Category C 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
Category D Qualification will expire. 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