

Qualification Title: New Zealand Certificate in Maritime Crewing (Level 2)

Qualification number: 2508

Date of review: 26 March 2018

Final decision on consistency of the qualification: National Consistency is Confirmed

Threshold:

The threshold to determine sufficiency with the graduate profile was determined as evidence of graduates who have the introductory maritime skills, knowledge and attitudes necessary to work safely, under direct supervision, in a range of entry-level positions within the maritime industry, operating in “restricted” or “near-coastal” waters.

Tertiary Education Organisations with sufficient evidence

Tertiary Education Organisation	Final rating
Competenz	Sufficient

Introduction

The purpose of this 40-credit qualification is to provide the maritime industry with personnel who are able to perform deck crew duties on a vessel under direct supervision. There were 470 graduates in 2016 and 226 graduates in 2017.

This is an entry-level qualification for people wishing to enter the maritime sector. Holders of this qualification will have the skills and knowledge required to work safely as deck crew on vessels operating in restricted or near coastal waters. Practical tasks during training can be completed on-board a vessel or in a simulated environment that demands performance comparable to that required on a commercial vessel.

Only one education organisation contributed to this review. The provider delivers an NZQA approved, programme of industry training (on job) in partnership with two employers, the Royal New Zealand Navy and a large South Island based tourism operator.

Evidence

The education organisation provided a range of evidence to demonstrate that their graduates met the graduate profile outcomes.

The criteria used to judge the evaluation question were:

- The nature, quality and integrity of the evidence presented by the education organisation
- How well the organisation has analysed, interpreted and validated the evidence, and used the understanding gained to achieve actual or improved consistency
- The extent to which the education organisation can reasonably justify and validate claims and statements relating to the consistency of graduate outcomes, including in relation to other providers of programmes leading to the qualification

Evidence provided included:

- Confirmation that the provider had an approved and coherent programme of industry training which ensured that programme components led to the graduate profile. Competenz's quality assurance systems, processes, and policies ensure that the unit standards awarded as part of the programme leading to this qualification are awarded consistently. Evidence was provided that assessors involved in assessing the graduates of this programme all meet Competenz's quality assurance requirements for assessors and that moderation had taken place.
- Graduate surveys which confirmed that graduates had gained, and were using, the skills and knowledge outlined in the graduate profile. 89.5% of graduates surveyed rated their knowledge of maritime crewing at 4 or 5 after completing the qualification (with 5 being the top rating)
- Feedback from the employers which confirmed that graduates had gained, and were using, the skills and knowledge outlined in the graduate profile.

How well does the evidence provided by the education organisation demonstrate that its graduates match the graduate outcomes at the appropriate threshold?

The evidence presented before, and at the review meeting was sufficient to demonstrate that the Competenz graduates match the graduate outcomes. The evidence was well aligned with the graduate profile and demonstrated that graduates meet the threshold.

The education organisation had contracted an independent research company to complete surveys of both graduates and employers.

In general, the quality of evidence presented was sound. Due to security and operational constraints the number of Royal New Zealand Navy graduates who were able to respond to the survey was small, with only 22 responses. This was a random sample and the reviewer agreed that it was a sufficient sample to reliably demonstrate consistency with the graduate profile outcomes. 89.5% of graduates surveyed rated their knowledge of maritime crewing at 4 or 5 after completing the qualification (with 5 being the top rating).

It was also recognised that the nature of employment for those graduates working in the tourism industry is such that some of them may only stay in the industry for one season as they are doing so as part of a working holiday or gap year. Hence some graduates were not able to be contacted.