

**Qualification Title:** New Zealand Certificate in Domestic Maritime Crewing (Level 3)

**Qualification number:** 2895

**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 had the skills and knowledge required to operate as a safe and effective deck crew member, under limited supervision, on vessels of less than 24 metres in length, operating in restricted and near coastal waters.

#### Tertiary Education Organisations with sufficient evidence

Tertiary Education Organisation	Final rating
Competenz	Sufficient

#### Introduction

This 40-credit qualification is intended for people entering the industry to work as deck crew on either general commercial or passenger vessels and for those moving to a role where a Maritime New Zealand Qualified Deck Crew certificate may be required.

Graduates may apply to Maritime New Zealand for award of a Qualified Deck Crew Certificate recognised internationally under the Standards for Training Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW). Eligibility for this will also require the completion of a Maritime New Zealand Seafarer Training Record Book. None of the graduates from the programme covered by this review, have applied for the Maritime NZ QDC licence.

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, under limited supervision, 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, Competenz, contributed to this review. Competenz delivers an NZQA approved, programme of industry training in partnership with the Royal New Zealand Navy (RNZN). Competenz reported 833 graduates in 2016 and 373 in 2017.

#### Evidence

Competenz 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 Competenz 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.
- Feedback from RNZN which confirmed that graduates had gained skills and knowledge which were "fit for purpose".

**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 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 sufficient. 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 30 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. 97% of graduates surveyed said that they had obtained most or all of the skills required to do their job – the raw data from the graduate surveys shows a significant skills and knowledge improvement as a result of completing the qualification.