

National Certificate in Ambulance (Patient Care and Transport) (Level 4)

Level 4

Credits 120

This qualification is **expiring**. The last date to meet the requirements is 31 December 2012.

Purpose

The National Certificate in Ambulance (Patient Care and Transport) (Level 4) is designed to enable ambulance officers working in the field to gain recognition for having developed and demonstrated the principles, knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary for the provision of pre-hospital emergency care and patient transportation.

Ambulance officers awarded this qualification are functioning pre-hospital emergency care providers with knowledge in anatomy, physiology, and pathophysiology, and skills to manage a wide range of trauma and medical conditions, including crisis intervention and application of clinical problem solving techniques to patient care.

The elective component gives people choice in core skills associated with ambulance work, particularly with respect to dealing with themselves and others in stressful situations.

This qualification is a prerequisite for the National Diploma in Ambulance (Paramedic) (Level 6) [Ref: 0207].

Replacement Information

This qualification has been replaced by the National Certificate in Ambulance Practice (Level 5) [Ref: 1408].

Credit Range

	Compulsory	Elective
Level 1 credits	-	0-3
Level 2 credits	-	0-3
Level 3 credits	20	0-3
Level 4 credits	69	0-3
Level 5 or above credits	28	0-3
Minimum totals	117	3

Requirements for Award of Qualification

Award of NQF Qualifications

Credit gained for a standard may be used only once to meet the requirements of this qualification.

Unit standards and achievement standards that are equivalent in outcome are mutually exclusive for the purpose of award. The table of mutually exclusive standards is provided in section 7 of the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) *Rules and Procedures* publications available at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/acrp/index.html>.

Reviewed standards that continue to recognise the same overall outcome are registered as new versions and retain their identification number (ID). Any version of a standard with the same ID may be used to meet qualification requirements that list the ID and/or that specify the past or current classification of the standard.

Summary of Requirements

- A minimum of 120 credits
- Compulsory standards
- Elective – Balance if required

Detailed Requirements

Compulsory

The following standards are required

Health > Emergency Services > Ambulance

ID	Title	Level	Credit
6228	Maintain the ambulance vehicle for operational readiness	3	1
6230	Manage a scene that requires ambulance services	5	3
14474	Provide pre-hospital patient care in ambulance services	4	20
14475	Provide further pre-hospital patient care in ambulance services	4	20
14476	Provide integrated clinical practice in ambulance service	5	20
14477	Care for patients during transportation in ambulance service	5	2
14478	Drive ambulance vehicles in operational situations	4	6

Health > Emergency Services > Pre-Hospital Emergency Care

ID	Title	Level	Credit
14470	Provide enhanced basic life support	4	2
14471	Provide extended first aid	4	6
14472	Carry out shock advisory defibrillation	4	2

ID	Title	Level	Credit
14473	Move and position patients in preparation for transportation	4	1

Health > Health Studies > Core Health

ID	Title	Level	Credit
6127	Describe ethical responsibility towards consumers in a health care context	3	5
6416	Demonstrate knowledge of compliance with regulatory requirements in a specific health care context	3	3
6417	Describe elements of safe practice in a specific health care context	3	3
6421	Apply problem solving approaches in a health care context	3	2
12700	Describe the human cardiovascular system	4	1
12701	Describe the roles and responses of the human cardiovascular system	5	3
12702	Describe cells and tissues of the human body	4	2
12706	Describe the human digestive system	4	2
12713	Describe the integumentary system of the human body	4	1
12719	Describe the human musculoskeletal system	4	2
12722	Describe the nervous system of the human body	4	3
12725	Define the organisational structure and describe functional characteristics of the human body	3	1
12728	Describe the human respiratory system	4	1
20100	Behave professionally with consumers and their support people in a specific health care context	3	5

Elective

The balance of credits, if required, to achieve

A minimum of 120 credits

May come from the following

Field	Subfield	Domain
Core Generic	Core Generic	Self-Management
Service Sector	Service Sector Skills	Service Sector - Core Skills

Transition Arrangements

Version 6

Version 6 was issued to indicate that this qualification is expiring.

The National Certificate in Ambulance Practice (Level 5) [Ref: 1408] replaced the National Certificate in Ambulance (Patient Care and Transport) (Level 4) [Ref: 0206].

For detailed information see [Review Summaries](#) on the NZQA website.

Previous versions of the qualification

Version 5 was issued to reflect the change of standard setting body responsibility from the New Zealand Ambulance Education Council to the ElectroTechnology Industry Training Organisation (ETITO) in July 2004, and the review of Core Health standards. Standard 6423 was replaced by 20100. People enrolled in programmes leading to the award of version 4 could either complete that version or transfer to version 5.

This qualification contains standards that replace 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 – see table below.

Credit for	Exempt from
6227	14478
6231	14477
6233	14474, 14475, 14476
6423	20100

Version 4 was issued to reflect the changes resulting from the review of the Ambulance standards. Standard 6230 increased in credit from 2 to 3, and the compulsory credits increased from 116 to 117. Therefore only 3 credits were required from the elective section to reach a minimum of 120 credits. There were no transition implications from this change.

Version 3 was issued to include standards 6228 and 6230 in the compulsory section as they were inadvertently omitted from version 2. As a consequence there will be no award of version 2. It was also updated to reflect the change in name of the standard setting body from the Ambulance Service Industry Training Organisation to the New Zealand Ambulance Education Council Inc. Transition arrangements for transferring from version 1 to 3 expired in December 2000.

Version 2 was registered following a review. The review resulted in the following changes: credit increased from 63 to 120; standards 12700-12702, 12706, 12713, 12719, 12722, 12725, 12728, and 14470-14473 were added; standard 1732 was removed; standards 6227, 6231, and 6233 were replaced by 14474-14478; standards 56, 62, 499, and 545 were replaced by an elective requirement from the domains containing those standards.

Version 1 of this qualification replaced the Elementary Ambulance Aid Certificate and the Proficiency Ambulance Aid Certificate. Transition arrangements for those qualifications expired in June 1998.

For more information please contact the ElectroTechnology Industry Training Organisation (ETITO).

NQF Registration Information

Process	Version	Date	Last Date for Award
Registration	1	September 1996	December 1999
Review	2	January 1999	No award
Revision	3	February 1999	December 2000
Revision	4	February 2000	December 2007
Revision	5	March 2006	December 2012
Review	6	August 2008	December 2012

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Other standard setting bodies whose standards are included in the qualification

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Certification

The certificate will display the logos of NZQA, the ElectroTechnology Industry Training Organisation and the accredited organisation.

Classification

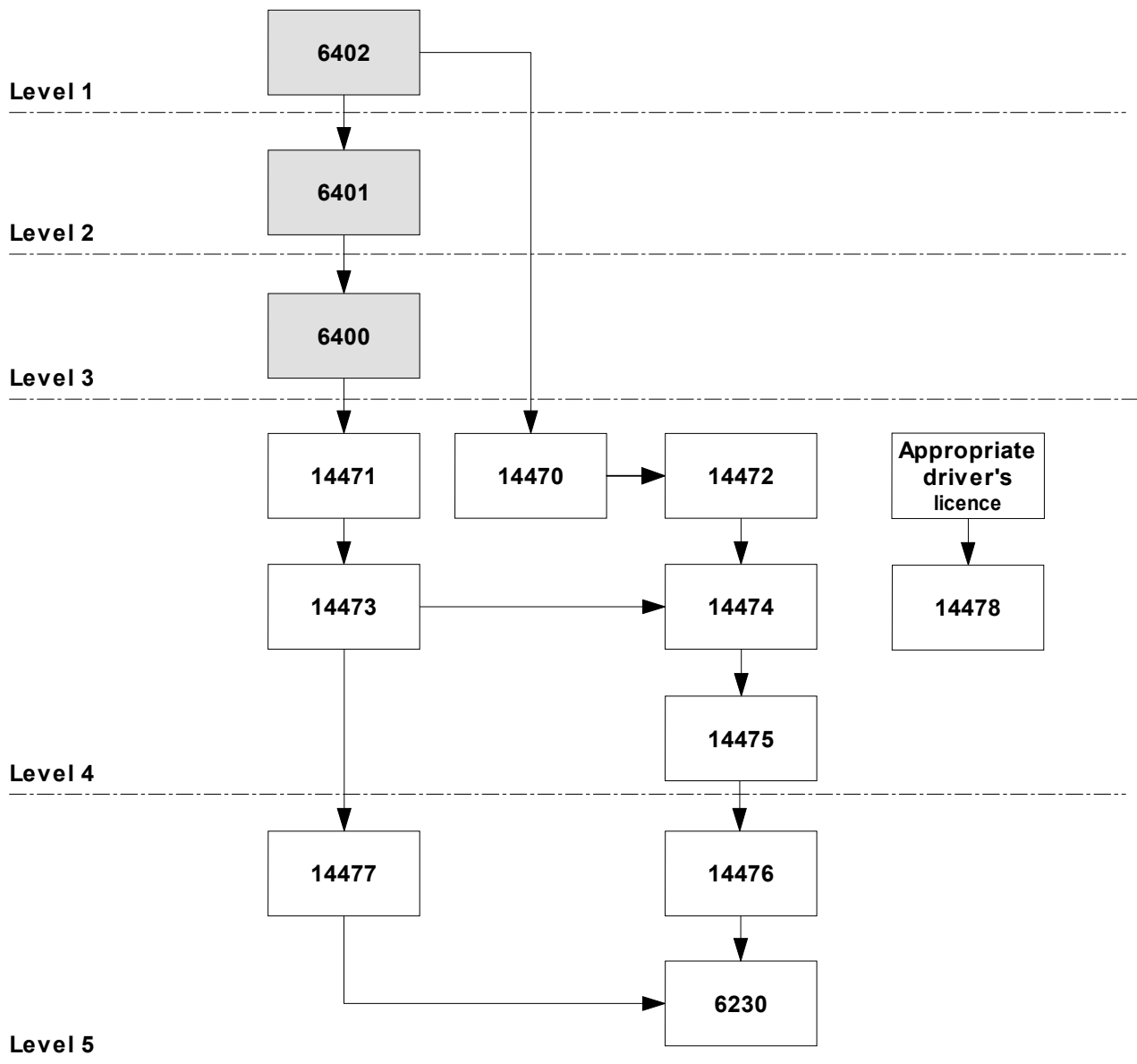
This qualification is classified according to the NQT classification system and the New Zealand Standard Classification of Education (NZSCED) system as specified below.

NQT Classification		NZSCED	
Code	Description	Code	Description
1064	Health > Emergency Services > Ambulance	069905	Health > Other Health > Paramedical Studies

Quality Management Systems

Providers and Industry Training Organisations must be accredited by a recognised Quality Assurance Body before they can register credits from assessment against standards. Accredited providers and Industry Training Organisations assessing against standards must engage with the moderation system that applies to those standards. Accreditation requirements and the moderation system are outlined in the associated Accreditation and Moderation Action Plan (AMAP) for each standard.

Prerequisite Diagram



Key

Standards not included in this qualification