

FIELD HEALTH**Revision of *Occupational Health and Safety* qualification****National Certificate in Occupational Health and Safety (Workplace Safety) (Level 3)
[Ref: 0801]**

The New Zealand Industry Training Organisation has revised the above qualification that was registered in January 2001.

Date new version published**April 2004****Rationale for the revision**

Changes to this qualification have resulted from the need to broaden the qualification to include access for road transport, engineering and petrochemical pipeline work. This has affected both the compulsory and elective sections to give greater flexibility.

The changes were made in consultation with Electricity Supply Industry Training Organisation, Gas and Petrochemical Industry Training Organisation (now NZ Extractive Industries Training Organisation), NZ Road Transport and Logistics Industry Training Organisation, Competenz, Forest Industries Training, NZ Employers Federation, the Combined Trade Unions, and the Department of Labour. A draft qualification was circulated for comment and feedback.

A new qualification is currently under development that provides the basic skills required for health and safety in the workplace, it is intended that it will lead to this qualification.

Main changes resulting from the revision

Changes to structure and content

- Standard 17601 has been removed from the compulsory section.
- Standards 167, 168, 1277, 1299, 3268, 3270, 3272, 3501, 9677, 9680, 9707, 15275, 16718, and 18496 are no longer listed as separate items in Elective A, however, they are now included within their subfield or domain in the expanded Elective B.
- The domain Workplace Fire and Emergency Response, and standards 6400, 6401, 6402, 10851, and 10852 have moved from Elective A to Elective B.
- Elective B has been expanded to include a wide range of subfields and domains.
- Minimum overall credits have decreased from 55 to 50.

Transition

People part way through an earlier version of this qualification may choose to complete that version or transfer to this version. All versions of this qualification will be recognised by the New Zealand Industry Training Organisation.

The last date for the award versions 1 and 2 of the qualification is 31 December 2005.

It is anticipated that no existing candidates are disadvantaged by these transition arrangements. However, candidates may appeal in the first instance to New Zealand Industry Training Organisation, which will consider any appeal on a case-by-case basis.

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