

FIELD ARTS AND CRAFTS**Review of *Signmaking* qualification****National Certificate in Signmaking with strands in Computer Graphics, Hand Lettering, and Electric Signmaking [Ref: 0306]**

The New Zealand Painting Contractors Association of Employers Industry Training Organisation has completed the review of the above qualification that was registered in April 1997.

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The review was instigated by the Signmaking Advisory Group of the New Zealand Painting Contractors Association of Employers Industry Training Organisation to examine the qualification's content and suitability for current industry needs. Changes required for the qualification were identified based on industry and provider feedback and consultation, and included review of, and additions to, the unit standards in the domain Signmaking.

Main changes resulting from the review

Changes to structure and content

- Changes were made to the format and to the purpose section to meet registration criteria for national certificates.
- Core Compulsory credits were reduced from 202 to 190, thereby reducing the total credits for the qualification – depending on the strand selected – from 226, 300, or 295 to 214, 288, or 295 respectively.
- In the Core Compulsory section, standards 56, 62, 1037, 1079, and 1080 were removed and standards 1277, 20192, and 20196 were added.
- In the Computer Graphics strand, standards 2788, 2789, and 2792 were removed and standards 20193–20195 were added.
- Transition arrangements for the Trade Certificate in Signwriting were superseded by the RCC (recognition of current competence) process.

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

Credit for	Exempt from
1037	20196

The last date for award of version 1 of the qualification is 31 December 2005. Candidates not wishing to complete version 1 may transfer their results to version 2.

Trade Certificate in Signwriting

Version 1 of this qualification was issued in April 1997 to replace the Trade Certificate in Signwriting. Version 1 contained transition arrangements for the withdrawal of the following qualifications:

- Trade Certificate in Signwriting
- Advanced Trade Certificate in Signwriting

These transition arrangements have expired. No training agreements or apprenticeships for the above qualifications were entered into after September 1996. The last date for award of both Trade Certificates was 31 December 2002.

People who wish to have prior achievement of Trade Certificate in Signwriting components recognised for the purposes of this national certificate can do so through the RCC (recognition of current competence) process. The RCC process is carried out by registered assessors and accredited providers. Candidates must go through an assessment process to gain credit for national standards. Candidates for RCC are encouraged to contact the New Zealand Painting Contractors Association of Employers Industry Training Organisation.

Any candidate who feels they have been disadvantaged by the transition arrangements should in the first instance contact New Zealand Painting Contractors Association of Employers Industry Training Organisation at the address below.

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