

FIELD SERVICE SECTOR

Review of *Adventure Tourism* qualification

National Certificate in Adventure Tourism (Level 4) [Ref: 0565]

The Aviation, Tourism and Travel Training Organisation and Sports, Fitness and Recreation Industry Training Organisation have completed the review of the qualification that was registered in November 1998.

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Outline of review process

A comprehensive review of the qualification commenced in 2001 following feedback from stakeholders that current qualification did not meet the needs of industry. The review was conducted through the sectors represented on the Adventure Tourism Council of the Tourism Industry Association and wider consultation was conducted through this network, training providers who had been using previous versions of the qualification and industry assessors. Version 4 was registered part way through the review in April 2003 as an interim measure to take into account the expired unit standards and to allow time for the current students enrolled in a programme of study to achieve the qualification.

An outcome of the review was the decision that Aviation, Tourism and Travel Training Organisation would develop a replacement qualification to meet the needs of stakeholders and provide more relevance for the adventure tourism sector of the tourism industry.

The Sport, Fitness and Recreation Industry Training Organisation (Sfrito) have agreed to no longer be jointly responsible for this qualification, as their gazetted coverage is for outdoor recreation, not adventure tourism. Sfrito have committed to work closely with the Aviation, Tourism and Travel Training Organisation to support people involved in the adventure tourism industry.

Main changes resulting from the review

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Although the title has been retained this is a new qualification developed by the Aviation, Tourism and Travel Training Organisation to meet the needs of stakeholders and industry. There are substantial differences between the structure and content of the two qualifications, and this one has been allocated a new reference [Ref: 1099].

Changes to structure and content

- The National Certificate in Tourism and Travel (Core Skills) (Level 3) [Ref: 0876] is a prerequisite to award of this qualification.
- Unit standards 327, 329, 435, 12406, 12407, 12410, 13377, 18210, 18223, 18226, 18228, 18229 and 18238 have been removed from the compulsory section and are now included within the requirements for Elective 1, 2 and 3 (see transition below).
- Unit standards 18310, 18313 and 18317 have been moved from Elective A to the compulsory section.
- Unit standards 424, 6400, 19424, 19425, 19426 have been added to the compulsory section.

- Credits for the compulsory section have decreased from 73 to 43.
- Electives A and B have been restructured into Electives 1, 2 and 3; instead of listing individual unit standards, credits may be selected from specified subfields and domains for Electives 1 and 2, and from the NQF in Elective 3.
- Credit requirements for the elective section have increased from 28 to 47.
- Credit total for the qualification has decreased from 101 to 90.

As of 1 July 2004 all new programmes will lead to this replacement qualification. People currently enrolled in programmes leading to the award of version 3 or 4 of the National Certificate in Adventure Tourism (Level 4) [Ref: 0565] may either complete that version by 31 December 2004, or transfer to this qualification.

People choosing to transfer from versions 3 or 4 of the National Certificate in Adventure Tourism (Level 4) [Ref: 0565] to this qualification may be able to use credit for unit standards: 327, 329, 435, 12410, 18210, 18223, 18226, 18228, 18229 and 18238 to meet the requirements of Elective 1; 12406, 12407 to meet the requirements of Elective 2; and 13377 to meet the requirements of Elective 3.

Alternatively people may choose to transfer to the National Certificate in Outdoor Recreation (Assistant Leadership) (Level 3) [Ref: 0449] and may discuss that option with the Sport, Fitness and Recreation Industry Training Organisation.

The last date to complete the requirements for versions 3 and 4 of the National Certificate in Adventure Tourism (Level 4) [Ref: 0565] is 31 December 2004.

Note the transition periods for versions 1 and 2 of the National Certificate in Adventure Tourism (Level 4) [Ref: 0565] expired in December 2001 and December 2003 respectively.

Summary of Exemptions

For the purposes of this qualification people who have gained credit for the expiring unit standard will be exempt from the requirement to gain credit for the replacement unit standard.

Expiring Standard	Replacement Standard
17755	19426

It is the intention of the Aviation, Tourism and Travel Training Organisation that no existing candidate should be disadvantaged by the changes to this qualification. Any person who considers they have been disadvantaged may appeal to the SSB (see contact details below).

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