

FIELD HEALTH**Revision of *Pharmacy* qualifications****National Certificate in Pharmacy (Technician) (Level 5) with strands in Hospital, and Community [Ref: 0423]****National Certificate in Pharmacy (Assistant) (Level 3) [Ref: 0469]**

The Pharmacy ITO has revised the qualifications listed above that were registered in May 1998 and January 2001.

Date new versions published

April 2005

The review of these qualifications is planned to take place in

December 2005

Reason for the revision

As a result of legislative changes, on 18 September 2004 the Pharmaceutical Society of NZ ceased to exist and became the Pharmaceutical Society of NZ Inc. This means that all certificates issued after this date should have their new title. As this revision was required, the ITO felt that it was timely to include the Pharmacy ITO name and logo on all certificates issued as well.

The qualifications were both updated to show the new credit value for unit standard 525 and the planned review date was changed from January to December 2005.

Main changes resulting from the revision

The names of the organisations to be included on the certificates have been updated.

National Certificate in Pharmacy (Technician) (Level 5) with strands in Hospital, and Community [Ref: 0423]

Changes to structure and content:

- The *Certification* section was updated to include the logo of the Pharmacy Industry Training Organisation as well as the Qualifications Authority, The Pharmaceutical Society Inc, and the provider.
- The credit value for unit standard 525 was updated from 1 to 2.
- Total credits for this qualification have increased to 148 or 149 (depending on strand).

National Certificate in Pharmacy (Assistant) (Level 3) [Ref: 0469]

Changes to structure and content:

- The *Certification* section was updated to include the logos of the Pharmacy Industry Training Organisation, as well as the Qualifications Authority, The Pharmacy Guild of NZ, and the provider.
- The credit value for unit standard 525 was updated from 1 to 2.
- The credit value for unit standard 14139 was updated from 6 to 8.
- Total credits have increased from 105 to 108.

Transition

People currently enrolled in programmes leading to the award of the previous version of this qualification may either complete that version or transfer to this version.

The last date for award of the previous version of either qualification is December 2006.

Candidates who feel they have been significantly disadvantaged by the transition arrangements should contact the Pharmacy ITO at the address given below.

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