

FIELD AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES**Review of *Veterinary Nursing* qualification****National Certificate in Veterinary Nursing [Ref: 0221]**

National Qualifications Services (NQS) has completed the review of the qualification listed above that was reviewed and re-registered in October 1999.

Date new versions published**December 2005**

In 2004, NQS, with the Animal Nursing and Technology (ANTECH) Board of the New Zealand Veterinary Association as its primary advisory body, initiated a review of the qualification in conjunction with a review of unit standards in the Animal Care and Handling subfield. Version 7 of the qualification reflects the outcomes of the review of the standards, and responds to feedback from veterinarians that the previous version did not acknowledge the needs of veterinary practices that dealt with large animal patients.

A review panel met in February 2005 to consider the impact of the standards review, the feedback received from industry and training providers through email consultation, and a New Zealand Veterinary Association (NZVA) sponsored provider forum in February 2005. Consultation drafts of the reviewed qualification were sent to:

- ANTECH Board members and their industry networks, which include the NZVA and New Zealand Veterinary Nursing Association
- Current providers of veterinary nursing qualifications
- Anyone else who had expressed an interest when the review was initiated in 2004.

The review panel and the ANTECH Board considered all feedback received, and the Board endorsed the final version of the qualification at its meeting on 22 April 2005.

Main changes resulting from the review

The qualification was reviewed following a review of related Animal Care and Handling unit standards, and to increase its flexibility.

Changes to structure and content

- The qualification was restructured into a compulsory section and four electives (A-D).
- Expiring standards 5167 and 5194 were removed from the qualification.
- Standards 5193 and 5216 were replaced by standards 21380 and 21384 respectively, in the compulsory section.
- Standard 21381 was added to the compulsory section.
- Standard 5150 was replaced by 21382 and 21383 and along with standards 5149 and 5151 moved to Elective A.
- Standards 5152, 5153, 5154, and 21360 were added to Elective A.
- Standard 5170 was replaced by 21379 and along with standards 5202 and 5213 moved to Elective B.
- Standards 5203, 5204, 14377, and 21358 were added to Elective B.
- Standards 1296, 3501, and 9677 are no longer specified but are included in the Interpersonal Communications domain in Elective C.
- Standards 111 and 327 are no longer specified but are included in the Business Administration domains listed in Elective D, which also includes the domains of Generic Computing and Service Sector – Core Skills, and standard 11831.

- Standard titles, levels, and credits were updated in line with the standards' review.
- The total credit requirement was reduced from 167 to 160.

Transition

People currently enrolled in programmes leading to the award of earlier versions of this qualification may either complete that qualification or transfer to this version. People who choose to transfer to version 7 may use the following exemptions.

Expiring Standard	Replacement Standard
5150	21382 and 21383
5170	21379
5193	21380
5216	21384
16649	19894

People choosing to complete versions 1-6 may use the following exemptions for the purposes of completing that version of the qualification.

Expiring Standard	Replacement Standard
503	12349
545	12355
1300	9677
1305	3501
16649	19894

The last date for award of version 6 is 31 December 2009.

The last date for award of version 5 is 31 December 2007.

The last date for award of versions 1- 4 is 31 December 2006.

Providers are encouraged to offer programmes based on the new requirements from January 2007.

It is not intended that anyone is disadvantaged by this review, and the above arrangements have been designed for a smooth transition. However, anyone who feels they have been disadvantaged may appeal to:

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