

**FIELD                    SCIENCES****Review of *Conservation* qualification****National Certificate in Conservation (Trainee Ranger) [Ref: 0642]**

The Public Sector Training Organisation (PSTO) has completed the review of the qualification listed above that was registered in July 1999.

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The qualification has been registered since July 1999. Since that time the needs of the sector have changed. The qualification draws on unit standards from a range of standard setting bodies (SSBs). Many of these SSBs have reviewed their unit standards and this has resulted in the need to review this qualification. There is a close and positive working relationship between the key provider of the qualification, Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology (NMIT), and the Department of Conservation (DoC) therefore a combined NMIT/DoC/PSTO advisory group conducted the review. Through involvement in the advisory group, feedback was also received from current and past students and from Māori interests.

**Main changes resulting from the review**

Significant changes have been made, resulting from reviews of unit standards and the refining of the qualification following several years of use, to bring it in line with current practice.

**National Certificate in Conservation (Trainee Ranger) [Ref: 0642]****National Certificate in Conservation (Trainee Ranger) (Level 3) [Ref: 0642]****Changes to structure and content**

- Unit standards 4, 19, 37, 431, 56, 101, 451, 496, 996, 1009, 1277, 1279, 1304, 8492, 9034, 10095, 11282 have been removed from the qualification and not replaced
- Unit standard 11 has been replaced by unit standards 19124, 19125 and 19126
- Unit standard 435 has been replaced by unit standard 20159
- Unit standard 4136 has been replaced by unit standard 6915
- Unit standard 10099 has been replaced by unit standard 19058
- Unit standard 10100 has been replaced by unit standard 19059
- Unit standards 13377, 3287, 4573, 16078, 16082, 19056, 19057, 19060, 20805 have been added to the qualification
- A new elective set has been added to recognise competency in knowledge of native fauna and their significance to Māori

**Transition**

Candidates currently working towards version 1 of the qualification will complete that version and have until December 2005 to do so. New candidates will work towards version 2.

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

<b>Expiring Standards</b>	<b>Replacement Standards</b>
11	19124, 19125 and 19126
435	20159
4136	6915
10099	19058
10100	19059

The last date for the award of the replaced version of the qualification is December 2005.

It is not intended that any candidate should be disadvantaged by this review. Any candidate who feels disadvantaged should contact the Public Sector Training Organisation at the address below for information or to appeal in relation to this review.

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