

FIELD AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES**Review of *Sports Turf* qualification****National Certificate in Sports Turf (Introduction to Turf Care) (Level 3) [Ref: 0700]**

The New Zealand Sports Turf Industry Training Organisation has completed the review of the qualification listed above that was registered in November 1999.

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This review was conducted to widen the scope of the qualification to make it more relevant to a wider range of people. Since its introduction in 1999, 189 people had gained this qualification. These people had been largely drawn from the bowls and cricket sectors but there is significant interest in the qualification from the sports field and lawn care industries.

Main changes resulting from the review

The main change to the qualification has been to broaden the range of areas from which to choose elective unit standards. This allows learners to select unit standards that are of particular relevance to their sector or enterprise. It also provides for better alignment with the National Certificate in Sports Turf Management (Level 4) [Ref: 0203] and the National Certificate in Amenity Turf Maintenance (Level 3) [Ref: 1078].

Changes to structure and content

- The two electives in version 1, one restricted to Sports Turf domains and the other restricted to Agrichemical and Pest Control unit standards, have been restructured into one new elective section offering a broad range from which to choose unit standards.

Transition

People working towards version 1 of this qualification will have their results transferred to version 2 of the qualification, as people who meet the requirements for version 1 will also meet the requirements for version 2.

The last date for award of version 1 is 31 December 2005.

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