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Review of *Airport Operations* qualification

National Diploma in Airport Operations (Level 5) [Ref: 0514]

The Aviation, Tourism and Travel Training Organisation has completed the review of the qualification listed above that was registered in August 1998.

Date new version published

October 2005

The National Diploma in Airport Operations (Level 5) was reviewed to improve flexibility of the structure and therefore encourage uptake of the qualification. Industry had indicated that the current compulsory structure was too restrictive and many candidates were unable to complete all of the required unit standards due to their role or the size of the airport in which they were employed.

An advisory group met in mid 2004 to discuss the issues that inhibited the uptake of the qualification and discuss options for a structure that would allow senior staff in airports of any size in New Zealand to be able to complete its requirements. Follow up discussions with several airports resulted in a draft qualification being circulated to wider industry for feedback. The final draft was presented for final comment at the Aviation Industry Association – Airports Division Annual General Meeting and then endorsed by the ATTTO Operations Support Advisory Group.

Main changes resulting from the review

Changes to structure and content

- Unit standards 13422 and 13423 have been removed from the compulsory section but one of these unit standards is still required for Elective 1.
- Unit standards 13415, 13416, 13418, 13419, and 13421 have been removed from the compulsory section but may continue to be used to meet the requirements of Elective 2.
- Unit standards 7447, 8076, 8085, 8496, 8498, 8503, 11532, 11634, 13176 and 13177 have been removed from the compulsory section but may continue to be used to meet the requirements of Elective 3.
- Compulsory credits have decreased from 164 to 42.
- New Electives 1 and 2 have been added.
- The option to select Visitor Services standards at level 5 or above has been added to the Management elective. This elective has also been increased from 15 to 40 credits and is now Elective 3.
- Credit transfer from NZDipBus papers has been included for the purposes of Elective 3.
- Overall credit total has decreased from 179 to 127.

Transition

People currently working towards version 1 of this qualification may either complete the requirements for that version or transfer their results to version 2 of the qualification.

The last date for award of version 1 is 31 December 2007.

It is the intention of the Aviation, Tourism and Travel Training Organisation that no existing candidate should be disadvantaged by the changes to these qualifications. Any person who considers they were disadvantaged may appeal to:

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