

**FIELD                    COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES****Revision of *Human Services* qualification****National Certificate in Human Services (Level 4) with optional strands in Deaf/hearing Impairment, Intellectual Disability, Physical Disability, and Blind/visual Impairment [Ref: 0728]**

The Community Support Services Industry Training Organisation has revised the qualification listed above that was registered in February 2000.

**Date new version published**

**April 2006**

**The review of this qualification is planned to take place in 2006**

**Reason for the revision**

This qualification was revised and issued as version 4 in order to correct errors in the qualification rules and to allow all existing candidates to complete. The structure of the Core Elective was altered, to set the minimum credit requirements from *Human Services* standards and to clarify the balance rules.

This qualification and its component standards are currently under review. Please contact the Community Support Services Industry Training Organisation (CSSITO) for further information regarding the review.

**Main changes resulting from the revision**

- Core Elective split into four sets to clarify the rules. The total elective credit requirements have not changed (41 credits) but are no longer expressed with a balance rule. The total for the qualification remains 120 credits.
- All candidates must gain 23 credits from *Human Services* standards in the Core Elective (Set A). Previously, this requirement was 15 credits from Core Elective 1 for people working towards a strand and 25 credits for people not working towards a strand.
- Sets B, C, and D replace the requirements of Core Elective 2.
- Standard 7953 included in Set D, as it is not a stress management standard (this was an error in one of the Core Elective 2 rules in version 3).
- Title of standard 15299 updated.
- Prerequisite diagram updated to include standard 1822.
- Purpose edited and special note added.

**Transition**

People currently working towards version 3 of this qualification may either complete the requirements of that version or transfer their results to version 4. Due to the errors in version 3, some candidates will need to transfer to version 4 in order to be awarded the qualification.

The last date for people to complete version 3 is December 2008.

If you appear to be disadvantaged by these transition arrangements please contact the CSSITO at the address below. The CSSITO will address all appeals on a case-by-case basis.

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