

FIELD COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES**Review and revision of *Social Services* qualifications**

Review of National Certificate in Whānau/Family and Foster Care (Level 4) with an optional strand in Caregiving for Young People [Ref: 1075]

Revision of National Diploma in Whānau/Family and Foster Care (Level 6) [Ref: 1147]

Te Kaiāwhina Ahumahi Social Services Industry Training Organisation has reviewed 1075 and revised 1147.

Date new versions published

December 2007

The next review of both these qualifications is planned to take place during 2009.

Summary of review and consultation process

The key stakeholders in whānau/family and foster care were consulted as a result of concerns raised in relation to aspects of some unit standards in this qualification, and as a consequence of the developing professionalisation strategy for foster carers. The unit standards in the domain had been revised in consultation with key stakeholders.

This review was initially commenced as a consequence of unit standard revision. It was then determined that qualification 1075 needed to be reviewed for the following reasons:

- assessments against unit standards in the National Certificate showed that some unit standards were superfluous, or a barrier to completion for some candidates;
- most carers who completed the National Certificate cared for young people, raising the question of whether the optional strand for the National Certificate should be optional or part of the compulsory requirements.

Main changes resulting from the review

A number of unit standards were removed, and the optional strand was incorporated into the compulsory requirements for the National Certificate, leading to a change of name for the qualification. The National Certificate was amended as a consequence of a change in terminology from 'caregiver' to 'carer'. A special note recommending that candidates hold a current first aid certificate was added.

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Changes to structure and content

- Unit standards 497, 6401, 6402, and 17455 were removed.
- The optional strand in Caregiving for Young People was incorporated into the compulsory requirements.
- The credits changed to 104 credits as a consequence of the above changes.

- A special note was added recommending that people participating in a programme that leads to award of the National Certificate hold a current First Aid Certificate.
- The title of the qualification changed to reflect the removal of the optional strand.
- A number of amendments were made to change the terminology used to refer to candidates from 'caregiver' to 'carer'.
- The title of one unit standard was amended following unit standard revision.

Transition

People currently working towards version 1 of this qualification may complete that version or transfer their results to version 2. The last date for people to complete version 1 of this qualification is December 2009.

Both versions of the qualification will be recognised by Te Kaiāwhina Ahumahi Social Services Industry Training Organisation.

Revision of the National Diploma in Whānau/Family and Foster Care (Level 6) [Ref: 1147]

Reason for the revision

This revision was undertaken as a consequence of revision of unit standards in the qualification.

Main changes resulting from the revision and review

The qualification was amended as a consequence of a change in terminology from 'caregiver' to 'carer'. A special note clarifying assessment requirements for Unit 21150 was added to the National Diploma (to be consistent with the National Certificate in Social Services (Kaitautoko) (Level 5) [Ref: 1271].

Changes to structure and content

- A special note was added to clarify requirements for assessment against unit standard 21150 in the context of this qualification.
- A number of amendments were made to change the terminology used to refer to candidates from 'caregiver' to 'carer'.
- The titles of two unit standards were amended following unit standard revision.

Transition

People currently working towards version 1 of this qualification may complete that version or transfer their results to version 2. The last date for people to complete version 1 of either qualification is December 2009.

Both versions of the qualification will be recognised by Te Kaiāwhina Ahumahi Social Services Industry Training Organisation.

Key to Qualification Review Categories

Category A The qualification is published as a new version with the same NQF ID	Changes are made to SSB name, contact details or purpose statement
	No change is made to title, rules or components of the qualification
	No transition arrangements are required
Category B The qualification is published as a new version with the same NQF ID	Changes are made to title, rules or components
	The new version of the qualification recognises a similar skill set to that recognised by the previous version
	The SSB is confident that people awarded the new or previous version are comparable in terms of competence
	Transition arrangements are required if candidates must gain additional/different credits for the new version
Category C A new (replacement) qualification is published with new NQF ID	Significant changes are made to the qualification in terms of components, structure, type or level
	The SSB views people with the replacement qualification as being significantly different in terms of competence from those with the replaced qualification
	Transition arrangements are required
	Transition may be limited to phase-out dates
Category D Qualification will expire. There is no replacement qualification	Qualification is no longer required by industry
	The qualification is designated as expiring and a last date for meeting the qualification requirements is set