

FIELD AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES

Revision of *Horticulture* qualifications

National Certificate in Horticulture (Arboriculture) with strands in Ground Worker, Consultant Climber, Transplant Worker, Basic Climber, Advanced Climber, and Utility Worker [Ref: 0896]

National Certificate in Horticulture (Introductory) (Level 2) [Ref: 1013]

The New Zealand Horticulture Industry Training Organisation (NZHITO) has revised the qualifications listed above.

Date new versions published

January 2007

The next qualification review for National Certificate in Horticulture (Arboriculture) is planned to take place during 2007.

The next qualification review for National Certificate in Horticulture (Introductory) (Level 2) is planned to take place during 2011.

The qualification review for the National Certificate in Horticulture (Arboriculture) with strands in Ground Worker, Consultant Climber, Transplant Worker, Basic Climber, Advanced Climber, and Utility Worker [Ref: 0896] is due to be completed in 2007, and the review of the National Certificate in Horticulture (Introductory) (Level 2) [Ref: 1013] is planned to take place during 2010.

Reason for the revision

The revision of the National Certificate in Horticulture (Arboriculture) with strands in Ground Worker, Consultant Climber, Transplant Worker, Basic Climber, Advanced Climber, and Utility Worker [Ref: 0896] was undertaken to take into account reviews of unit standards in the Pest Control and Production Horticulture domains, in which unit standards 14, 772, 5059, and 5060 were designated as expiring. Following consultation with the Arboriculture Sector Advisory Group, NZHITO has removed unit standards 5059 and 5060 from the qualification, replaced unit standard 14 with unit standard 22174, and replaced unit standard 772 with unit standards 22177 and 22178.

It was brought to the attention of NZHITO that the National Certificate in Horticulture (Introductory) (Level 2) [Ref: 1013] could be broadened to include relevant unit standards and achievement standards registered in the Agricultural and Horticultural Science domain. Secondary school students are gaining credit for a number of these standards as a result of the implementation of the National Certificate in Educational Achievement. Consultation with all education organisations accredited to assess against standards in the Horticulture subfield confirmed that this would be appropriate, and would be another step towards the integrated educational framework that NZHITO has been striving to achieve.

As a result of recent reviews the Plant and Garden Retail domain name has changed to Garden Retail and unit standards in the Organic Horticulture domain have been integrated into the Production Horticulture domain. Amendments have been incorporated into the revised qualification to account for these changes.

Main changes resulting from the revision

National Certificate in Horticulture (Arboriculture) with strands in Ground Worker, Consultant Climber, Transplant Worker, Basic Climber, Advanced Climber, and Utility Worker [Ref: 0896]

Changes to structure and content

- Removal of unit standards 5059 and 5060 from the core compulsory section.
- Replacement of unit standard 14 with unit standard 22174, and unit standard 772 with unit standards 22177, and 22178 in the Consultant Climber strand.
- Replacement of unit standard 14 with unit standard 22174 in the Transplant Worker strand.
- Updating of title and domain for chainsaw operating unit standard 6916.

Transition

People currently enrolled in programmes leading to the award of version 1 of this qualification may either complete that version or transfer to version 2. The last date for assessment to take place for version 1 is 31 December 2006.

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

Credit for	Exempt from
14	22174
772	22177 and 22178
2764	17150
2823	17151 and 17152

National Certificate in Horticulture (Introductory) [Ref: 1013]

Changes to structure and content

- Horticulture Elective has been extended to include relevant unit standards and achievement standards from the Agricultural and Horticultural Science domain.
- Horticulture Production Management, Horticulture Property Management, and Horticulture Resources Management domains have been removed from the Horticulture Elective as the standards are at level 4 and not designed for this qualification.
- The Organic Horticulture domain has been removed from the Horticulture Elective.
- Plant and Garden Retail domain has been replaced with Garden Retail domain in the Horticulture Elective.

Transition

People currently enrolled in programmes leading to the award of versions 1-3 of this qualification may either complete that version, or transfer to version 4.

For the purposes of this qualification, people who have gained credit for standards in the expiring classifications may continue to use those credits to meet the qualification requirements.

Credits for standards in	Count towards qualification requirements where the following is specified
Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries> Horticulture> Organic Horticulture	Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries> Horticulture> Production Horticulture
Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries> Horticulture> Plant and Garden Retail	Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries> Horticulture> Garden Retail

The NZHITO intends that no existing candidate be disadvantaged by the introduction of the revised qualifications. Any person who feels that they have been disadvantaged by these transition arrangements should contact:

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