

FIELD HEALTH**Revision of *Mental Health* qualification****National Certificate in Mental Health (Mental Health Support Work) (Level 4)
[Ref: 0431]**

The Community Support Services Industry Training Organisation has revised the above qualification.

Date new version published**March 2007**

The next qualification review is planned to take place during 2010.

Reason for the revision

The Community Support Services Industry Training Organisation received feedback from accredited providers that the special note that required people wishing to enter a programme leading to award of this qualification to hold a current First Aid Certificate was causing an unnecessary barrier to enrolments. The ITO has accepted this feedback and acknowledged that the requirement that mental health support workers hold a current first aid certificate is an employer responsibility that is already covered by health and disability sector standards and service specifications.

Main changes resulting from the revision

The special note that required people wishing to enter a programme leading to award of this qualification to hold a current First Aid Certificate has been removed.

Changes to structure and content

- Removal of the special note that required people wishing to enter a programme leading to award of this qualification to hold a current First Aid Certificate
- Consequential revision of transition arrangements.

Transition

There are no transition implications for version 4. However, as there is no longer a requirement for a current First Aid Certificate people may choose to transfer from versions 3 or 4 to version 5.

All versions of the qualification will be recognised by the Community Support Services Industry Training Organisation.

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

Credit for	Exempt from
13430, 13439, and 13440	21927
13434 and 13436	21928
13437	21922
13427	21925
13428	21924
18547	21920
19750	21921

It is the intention of the Community Support Services Industry Training Organisation that no existing candidate should be disadvantaged by the changes to this qualification. Any person who considers they were disadvantaged may appeal to:

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