

FIELD AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES**Reclassification, Revision, and Change of Responsibility for *Garden Retail* unit standards 3146-3149, 22161-22164****Review of Horticulture and Retail qualifications**

- **National Certificate in Horticulture (Plant and Garden Supply Retailing) (Level 4) [Ref: 0085]**
- **National Certificate in Retail (Level 3) with optional strands in Bicycle Sales and Servicing, Visual Merchandising, Delicatessen, and Produce [Ref: 0994]**

Subfield	Domain	Id
Horticulture	Garden Retail	3146-3149, 22161-22164

Responsibility for the Garden Retail unit standards and qualification listed above has been transferred from the New Zealand Horticulture Industry Training Organisation to the Retail ITO.

The unit standards have been reclassified, and revised.

Existing classification

Field	Subfield	Domain	Id
Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries	Horticulture	Garden Retail	3146-3149, 22161-22164

New classification

Field	Subfield	Domain	Id
Service Sector	Retail, Distribution and Sales	Garden Retail	3146-3149, 22161-22164

Date new versions published

May 2007

Planned review date

December 2009 (unchanged)

Rationale for change

The Retail ITO and Horticulture ITO have collaborated to better address the needs of the plant and garden retailer. The Retail ITO has recognition from the Tertiary Education Commission (TEC) and coverage for the Retail and Wholesale industries. The Horticulture ITO has TEC coverage for the horticulture and floristry industries. The Horticulture ITO first developed Garden Retail unit standards at a time when the Retail ITO did not exist.

The Horticulture ITO has a responsibility to its nursery and plant growers whereas the Retail ITO has a responsibility towards the retailer. The core business of a garden centre is retail, therefore, the plant and garden retailer will benefit from a Retail qualification containing knowledge of garden plants. For a number of years retailers such as supermarkets and hardware stores have retailed plants and garden accessories.

The unit standards have been reclassified to reflect the change in standard setting responsibility from the New Zealand Horticulture Industry Training Organisation to the Retail ITO as the unit standards align more closely with Retail ITO industry coverage.

Outline of main changes to unit standards

The unit standards have been revised to show the new ITO responsibility and published as new versions.

- The subfield changed from Horticulture to Retail, Distribution and Sales.
- The recommended standards were removed from Entry information to make these standards open entry.

Impact on existing provider accreditations

The Retail ITO has had its accreditation extended to include the Garden Retail domain to Level 6.

Current Accreditation for			Accreditation extended to		
Nature of accreditation	Classification	Level	Nature of accreditation	Classification	Level
Subfield	Horticulture	Any	Domain	Retail, Distribution and Sales > Garden Retail	Same
Domain	Horticulture > Garden Retail	Any	Domain	Retail, Distribution and Sales > Garden Retail	Same

Impact on Accreditation and Moderation Action Plan (AMAP)

The unit standards have been moved from AMAP 0032 to AMAP 0225. AMAP 0225 will apply with immediate effect.

Impact on existing qualifications

Qualifications that contain the revised standards or classifications are tabled below.

Affected	The qualification lists a revised classification (domain or subfield) in an elective set The qualification lists a standard that has changes to level or credits
Not materially affected	The qualification lists a standard that has a new title The qualification lists a standard that has a new classification

The National Certificate in Horticulture (Plant and Garden Supply Retailing) (Level 4) [Ref: 0085] has been reviewed and designated expiring – see below.

The following qualifications are also affected by the changes. The Horticulture Industry Training Organisation is aware that the qualifications require revision.

Qualification title	Classification in the qualification
National Certificate in Horticulture (Introductory) (Level 2) [Ref: 1013]	Garden Retail
National Certificate in Horticulture (Level 4) with optional strands in Amenity Horticulture, Fruit Production, Landscape, Nursery Production, Organic Horticulture, and Viticulture [Ref: 1014]	Garden Retail

Qualification title	Classification in the qualification
National Certificate in Horticulture (Advanced) (Level 4) with strands in Amenity Horticulture, Fruit Production, Landscape, Nursery Production, Organic Horticulture, Production Horticulture and Viticulture [Ref: 1015]	Garden Retail

Summary of main changes to standards' classification

All changes are in **bold**.

Classification Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries > Horticulture > Garden Retail
Service Sector > Retail, Distribution and Sales > Garden Retail

Id	Title	Level	Credit
3146	Prepare and maintain long-term plant display environments in garden retail	3	5
3147	Give customers information on plant health products, gardening aids, and garden décor and structures	3	12
3148	Assist customers with selection of plants, planting layouts, and interpretation of planting plans	4	15
3149	Demonstrate knowledge of the structure, nature and requirements of the garden retail industry	2	3
22161	Demonstrate knowledge of merchandising plants and products in garden retail	3	8
22162	Apply merchandising principles and techniques to plants in garden retail	3	10
22163	Apply merchandising principles and techniques to garden care products and aids in garden retail	3	5
22164	Apply merchandising principles and techniques to garden décor products in garden retail	3	5

Review of *Horticulture* and *Retail* qualifications

National Certificate in Horticulture (Plant and Garden Supply Retailing) (Level 4)
[Ref: 0085]

National Certificate in Retail (Level 3) with optional strands in Bicycle Sales and Servicing, Visual Merchandising, Delicatessen, and Produce [Ref: 0994]

Date new versions published

May 2007

Planned review date

December 2012

Reason for the review

The standard setting responsibility for Garden Retail transferred from the New Zealand Horticulture to the Retail ITO as outlined above. The Retail ITO established that the best way to address the needs of these stakeholders was to add a new strand to its existing National Certificate in Retail (Level 3) with optional strands in Bicycle Sales and Servicing, Visual Merchandising, Delicatessen, and Produce [Ref: 0994].

National Certificate in Horticulture (Plant and Garden Supply Retailing) (Level 4) [Ref: 0085]

Review category	D	See Key to Qualification Review Categories at the end of report
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This qualification has been designated expiring and has not been replaced.

Transition

People currently working towards the qualification may complete its requirements or transfer to the National Certificate in Retail (Level 3) with optional strands in Bicycle Sales and Servicing, Garden Retail, Visual Merchandising, Delicatessen, and Produce [Ref: 0994], or the National Certificate in Horticulture (Level 4) with optional strands in Amenity Horticulture, Fruit Production, Landscape, Nursery Production, and Viticulture [Ref: 1014].

The last date for assessment for the National Certificate in Horticulture (Plant and Garden Supply Retailing) (Level 4) [Ref: 0085] is 31 December 2008.

National Certificate in Retail (Level 3) with optional strands in Bicycle Sales and Servicing, Visual Merchandising, Delicatessen, and Produce [Ref: 0994]

National Certificate in Retail (Level 3) with optional strands in Bicycle Sales and Servicing; Garden Retail; Visual Merchandising; Delicatessen; and Produce
[Ref: 0994]

Review category	B	See Key to Qualification Review Categories at the end of report
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The following changes were made to the qualification, some of which resulted from the review of unit standards from other standard setting bodies.

Changes to structure and content

- A new optional strand for Garden Retail added.
- Standards 67, 420, 422, and 22013 removed from the Core Elective as they were included in the optional strand for Visual Merchandising
- Titles and classifications of reviewed standards updated.
- Credit value of standard 15954 reduced from 8 to 6.
- Expiring standard 66 replaced with standard 67.
- Expiring standard 9706 replaced with standard 9694.
- Credit total for the optional Produce strand reduced from 114 to 112.

Transition

People currently working towards an earlier version of this qualification may complete the requirements for that version or transfer to version 4.

The last date for assessment for version 3 is 31 December 2010. The last date for assessment for versions 1 and 2 unchanged, 31 December 2008.

This qualification contains standards that have been used as substitutes for expiring 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
66	67
9706	9694

People who have gained credit for standards in the expiring classifications listed in the table below may continue to use those credits to meet the qualification requirements.

Credits for standards in	Count towards qualification requirements where the following is specified
Service Sector > Storekeeping and Warehousing	Service Sector > Retail Distribution and Sales > Stock Control
Service Sector > Distribution	Service Sector > Retail Distribution and Sales > Distribution

Appeal Process

Any candidate who feels that they have been disadvantaged by these transition arrangements for either of the above qualifications should contact the Retail ITO.

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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