

FIELD MANUFACTURING**Review of *Printing* qualifications**

National Certificate in Printing (Digital Printing) (Level 3) [Ref: 1037]

National Certificate in Printing (Digital Printing) (Level 4) [Ref: 1038]

National Certificate in Printing – Graphic Communication (Level 4) [Ref: 0817]

PrintNZ Training has completed the review of the above qualifications.

Replacement qualifications

National Certificate in Printing (Digital Processes for Print) (Level 3) [Ref: 1280]

National Certificate in Printing (Digital Processes for Print) (Level 4) [Ref: 1281]

Date new versions published**May 2007**

The next qualification review is planned to take place during 2012.

Summary of review and consultation process

The review of these qualifications formed part of a review of the unit standards and qualifications covered by the Digital Printing and Printing – Graphic Communication domains.

A review group was formed comprising representatives from both of the above digital printing areas, members of PrintNZ Training and providers.

The group was asked to consider the currency of the qualifications and their continuing suitability for the industry. It was acknowledged that considerable changes in technology within the digital printing industry had created some confusion regarding the crossover of skills covered by the two different domains, and that all skills relating to the digital printing and printing – graphic communications area should be covered by the one domain. It was agreed that the existing domains would be replaced with a new Digital Processes for Print domain, and that the three qualifications listed above would be replaced with two new qualifications under the new domain.

Main changes resulting from the review

The structure of the new Level 4 qualification is significantly different from the two qualifications it replaced – particularly the National Certificate in Printing – Graphic Communication (Level 4) [Ref: 0817]. The difference in credits is due to the fact that there was no separate Level 3 qualification for Graphic Communication. The Level 4 qualification contained a number of compulsory Level 3 unit standards.

National Certificate in Printing (Digital Printing) (Level 3) [Ref: 1037]

National Certificate in Printing (Digital Processes for Print) (Level 3) [Ref: 1280]

Review category	C	See Key to Qualification Review Categories at the end of report
-----------------	----------	---

This qualification replaced the National Certificate in Printing (Digital Printing) (Level 3) [Ref: 1037].

Summary of differences between qualifications

- The title has been changed to reflect the new Digital Processes for Print domain.
- Unit standards 340 and 23554 form a new Elective 1.
- The new compulsory section is made up of unit standards 2281 and 23556.
- Elective 1 in [Ref: 1037] included unit standards from the Service Sector field, and Elective 2 in [Ref: 1037] included unit standards from the Generic Computing domain.
- The new qualification contains standards from the Printing subfield in Elective 2. Standards from the Fibreboard Packaging and Printing subfields, and Competitive Manufacturing, Service Sector – Core Skills, Retail, Distribution and Sales, and Sales Transactions domains form Elective 3.
- The overall credit value has increased from 77 in [Ref: 1037] to 97, while the number of compulsory credits has decreased from 55 to 22, thus increasing the flexibility of the new qualification.

Transition

All new trainees will be enrolled in programmes leading to the new qualification.

People currently working towards the National Certificate in Printing (Digital Printing) (Level 3) [Ref: 1037], which will expire in December 2009, may either complete the requirements for that qualification, or transfer their results to the new qualification under the guidance of PrintNZ Training.

The final date for assessment of the expiring qualification is December 2009.

PrintNZ Training will advise all employers currently involved in training programmes of the changes.

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

Credit for	Exempt from
17921 and 20096	23556

National Certificate in Printing (Digital Printing) (Level 4) [Ref: 1038]
 National Certificate in Printing – Graphic Communication (Level 4) [Ref: 0817]
National Certificate in Printing (Digital Processes for Print) (Level 4) [Ref: 1281]

Review category	C	See Key to Qualification Review Categories at the end of report
-----------------	----------	---

This qualification replaced the National Certificate in Printing (Digital Printing) (Level 4) [Ref: 1038] and the National Certificate in Printing – Graphic Communication (Level 4) [Ref: 0817].

Summary of differences between qualifications

- The new qualification replaced [Ref: 0817] and [Ref: 1038] and the title reflects the new domain.
- Unit standards 20057 and 20099 are the only common compulsory unit standards between the new qualification and [Ref: 0817].
Unit standard 23557 has replaced unit standard 17922.
- Unit standard 20099 is the only common compulsory unit standard between the new qualification and [Ref: 1038].
- An elective has been added to include a minimum of 40 credits at level 4 from the Printing subfield, thus increasing the flexibility of the new qualification. Candidates who have been awarded credit for the following unit standards 17923, 17926, 17927 of [Ref: 0817], or 17925 of [Ref: 1038] will have met some or all of the requirements for the elective section in the new qualification.

Transition

All new trainees will be enrolled in programmes leading to the new qualification.

People currently working towards either the National Certificate in Printing (Digital Printing) (Level 4) [Ref: 1038], or the National Certificate in Printing – Graphic Communication (Level 4) [Ref: 0817] may complete the requirements for those qualifications, or transfer their results to this new qualification, or the National Certificate in Printing (Digital Processes for Print) (Level 3) [Ref: 1280], under the guidance of PrintNZ Training.

The final date for assessment of the expiring qualifications is December 2009.

PrintNZ Training will advise all employers currently involved in training programmes of the changes.

This qualification contains a standard that replaced an earlier standard. For the purposes of this qualification people who have gained credit for expiring standard are exempt from the requirements to gain credit for the replacement standard.

Credit for	Exempt from
17922	23557

Appeals

It is anticipated that no existing candidates will be disadvantaged by these transition arrangements. Any person who feels they have been disadvantaged by these transition arrangements can contact PrintNZ Training who will consider appeals on a case-by-case basis.

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