

**FIELD                    AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES****Review of *Horticulture* qualifications****National Certificate in Horticulture (Introductory) (Level 2)**

**National Certificate in Horticulture (Level 4) with optional strands in Amenity Horticulture, Fruit Production, Landscape, Nursery Production, and Viticulture [Ref: 1014]**

**National Certificate in Horticulture (Advanced) (Level 4) with strands in Amenity Horticulture, Fruit Production, Landscape, Nursery Production, Production Horticulture and Viticulture [Ref: 1015]**

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

**Date new versions published****November 2007**

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

**Summary of review and consultation process**

NZHITO, in conjunction with the Postharvest industry advisory group, has recently developed unit standards for the Postharvest sector of the horticulture industry, and packaged these standards into a strand for this sector.

**Main changes resulting from the review**

Amendments have been made to all of the above qualifications to take into account the development of the new strand (Postharvest); the extension to the Pest Management requirements of the qualification to include other relevant pest and weed control standards; and the removal of the Garden Retail domain from the list of classifications available as part of elective sections.

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

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**Changes to structure and content**

- This qualification was reviewed and issued as version 5 in order to remove the Garden Retail domain from the list of classifications in Set A. Candidates currently enrolled in an earlier version of this qualification may complete that version or transfer their results to version 5. Candidates working in a garden retail setting are encouraged to complete the National Certificate in Retail (Level 3) with optional strands in Bicycle Sales and Servicing; Garden Retailing; Visual Merchandising; Delicatessen; and Produce [Ref: 0994].
- Amendment to the qualifications pathway diagram to reflect the changes made following the review of the level 4 qualifications.

## **National Certificate in Horticulture (Level 4) with optional strands in Amenity Horticulture, Fruit Production, Landscape, Nursery Production, Postharvest, and Viticulture [Ref: 1014]**

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### Changes to structure and content

- Addition of the Postharvest strand
- Clarification of credit transfer provisions to allow up to 45 credits from each qualification specified.
- Removal of the Garden Retail domain from the list of domains in the Horticulture elective and in the domains listed for the Nursery Production strand. Candidates currently enrolled in an earlier version of this qualification may complete that version or transfer their results to version 6. Candidates working in a garden retail setting are encouraged to complete the National Certificate in Retail (Level 3) with optional strands in Bicycle Sales and Servicing; Garden Retailing; Visual Merchandising; Delicatessen; and Produce [Ref: 0994].

## **National Certificate in Horticulture (Advanced) (Level 4) with strands in Amenity Horticulture, Fruit Production, Landscape, Nursery Production, Postharvest, Production Horticulture and Viticulture [Ref: 1015]**

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### Changes to structure and content

- Addition of the Postharvest strand
- Clarification of credit transfer provisions to allow up to 60 credits from each qualification specified.
- Removal of the Garden Retail domain from the list of domains in the Horticulture elective, and domains listed for the Nursery Production strand. Candidates currently enrolled in an earlier version of this qualification may complete that version or transfer their results to version 6. Candidates working in a garden retail setting are encouraged to complete the National Certificate in Retail (Level 3) with optional strands in Bicycle Sales and Servicing; Garden Retailing; Visual Merchandising; Delicatessen; and Produce [Ref: 0994].
- Extension of the Pest Management requirements of the qualification to include other relevant pest and weed control standards.
- Amendment to the qualifications pathway diagram to reflect the changes made following the review of the level 4 qualifications.

## **Appeals**

NZHITO intends that no existing candidate is disadvantaged by changes to these qualifications. Any person who feels that they have been disadvantaged should contact:

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## Key to Qualification Review Categories

<b>Category A</b> 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
<b>Category B</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
<b>Category C</b> 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
<b>Category D</b> 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