

FIELD PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION

Review of *Plaster Board* qualification

National Certificate in Plaster Board with strands in Fixing and Finishing and an optional Specialist strand [Ref: 0275]

The Building and Construction Industry Training Organisation has completed the review of the qualification listed above.

Date new versions published

April 2008

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

Summary of review and consultation process

This qualification was reviewed as part of the scheduled review process for the *Plaster Board* domain, and in response to changing industry needs. Feedback was sought from a working party consisting of representatives from the Plaster Board industry regarding the structure and content of the qualification, which was updated following consultation, and subsequently endorsed by industry.

Main changes resulting from the review

The qualification contained a number of standards that covered similar skills but at different levels, the lower-level skills have now been removed from the qualification. Details of standards were updated to reflect the outcome of reviews. Two standards considered important to the construction industry have been added to the compulsory section. They are Unit 8492, *Use standard units of measurement* and Unit 22145, *Handle construction materials*. The level has been added to the qualification title.

National Certificate in Plaster Board with strands in Fixing and Finishing and an optional Specialist strand [Ref: 0275]

National Certificate in Plaster Board (Level 4) with strands in Fixing, and Finishing, and with an optional strand in Specialist [Ref: 0275]

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Changes to structure and content

- details of standards were updated to reflect the outcome of reviews
- generic standards 8492 and 22145 were added to the compulsory section
- standards 4329 and 4330 were removed from the Fixing Strand
- standard 4328 was replaced by standard 22158 in the Fixing Strand
- standards 4332 and 6117 were removed from the Finishing Strand
- the level of the qualification was added to the title
- the credit range for the qualification increased from 93-94 to 96-101.

Transition

People currently working towards version 4 may choose to complete that version or transfer their results to version 5. The final date for entry into version 4 is 31 December 2008. The final date for assessments to take place for version 4 is December 2011.

This qualification contains standards that replace 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 – see table below.

Credit for	Exempt from
4328	22158

All versions of this qualification will be recognised by the Building and Construction Industry Training Organisation. It is not intended that anyone be disadvantaged by this review, and the above arrangements have been designed for a smooth transition. However, anyone who feels they have been disadvantaged may appeal to the Building and Construction Industry Training Organisation at the address below.

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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