

FIELD ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY**Review of *Electricity Supply* qualifications**

National Certificate in Electricity Supply (Operator) (Level 3) with strands in Hydro Operations, and Network Operations [Ref: 0889]

National Certificate in Electricity Supply (Network Operator) (Level 4) [Ref: 0892]

The Electricity Supply Industry Training Organisation (ESITO) has completed the review of the qualifications listed above.

Replacement qualification

National Certificate in Electricity Supply (Operator) (Level 3) [Ref: 1375]

Date new versions published

April 2008

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

Summary of review and consultation process

The review was carried out because feedback had indicated that a change in content and structure was required to meet current industry requirements.

The consultation process included industry representation from both the hydro and the network operations sectors. Concerns were raised that the National Certificate in Electricity Supply (Operator) (Level 3) with strands in Hydro Operations, and Network Operations [Ref: 0889] consisted of standards that in the main were not relevant to hydro and network operations, and hence not achievable by people taking the qualification. The steering group expressed a desire to have a qualification based on training modules appropriate to both hydro and network operators and a replacement qualification was drafted consisting of standards based on these modules. The replacement qualification contained standards applicable to all areas of operations and stranding was not required.

The steering group considered that the National Certificate in Electricity Supply (Network Operator) (Level 4) [Ref: 0892] was largely fit for purpose and required very little revision. Changes consisted of the transfer of standards to the new National Certificate in Electricity Supply (Operator) (Level 3) [Ref: 1375].

Main changes resulting from the review

The National Certificate in Electricity Supply (Operator) (Level 3) with strands in Hydro Operations, and Network Operations [Ref: 0889] was replaced by a new qualification which was relevant to both hydro and network operations and has no strands.

The National Certificate in Electricity Supply (Network Operator) (Level 4) [Ref: 0892] was reviewed, but no significant changes were made to the structure of the qualification, other than the transfer of standards to the new National Certificate in Electricity Supply (Operator) (Level 3) [Ref: 1375].

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Summary of differences between the qualifications

- Total credits required for the new qualification were reduced from 91 to 71.
- Strands in Hydro Operations, and Network Operations were removed.
- Standards 1205, 1307, 2031, 3492, 4432 - 4435, 5953, 7380, 8081, 8087, 9681, 10509, 10512, 10526, 12295, 12392, 14287, 14328, 15850, 15854 -15857, 16274, 17027, 17568, 18028, 18029, 18032, were not required in the new qualification.
- Standards 12390 and 15843 were included in the new qualification.

Transition

People currently working towards the qualification may either complete it or transfer their existing achievements to National Certificate in Electricity Supply (Operator) (Level 3) [Ref: 1375].

National Certificate in Electricity Supply (Network Operator) (Level 4) [Ref: 0892]

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Changes to structure and content

- The credit requirements were decreased from 140 to 88.
- Standards 12390, 14701, 16281, 16284, 19479, and 19481 were moved to the National Certificate in Electricity Supply (Operator) (Level 3) [Ref: 1375].
- Standards 16277 and 16278 were made optional.
- Standard 10526 was added as an optional standard.
- The prerequisite qualification was changed from the National Certificate in Electricity Supply (Level 2) [Ref: 0868] to the National Certificate in Electricity Supply (Operator) (Level 3) [Ref: 1375].

Transition

Existing candidates working towards the qualification will not be able to transition to the new version of this qualification.

General Transition

People currently working towards the National Certificate in Electricity Supply (Operator) (Level 3) with strands in Hydro Operations, and Network Operations [Ref: 0889] may either complete that qualification or transfer their existing achievements to National Certificate in Electricity Supply (Operator) (Level 3) [Ref: 1375].

Existing candidates working towards the National Certificate in Electricity Supply (Network Operator) (Level 4) [Ref: 0892] will not be able to transition to the new version of this qualification.

The last date for completion of the current qualifications is 31 December 2009. All training programmes and courses from 1 January 2009 will lead to the award of the new qualifications.

It is not intended that anyone is disadvantaged by this review; however, anyone who feels that they have been disadvantaged may appeal to:

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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