

**FIELD                    ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY****Review of *Electricity Supply* qualification****National Certificate in Electricity Supply (Hydro Operator) (Level 4) [Ref: 0893]**

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

**Replacement qualification****National Certificate in Electricity Supply (Hydro Operator) (Level 4) [Ref: 1405]****Date new versions published****August 2008**

The next qualification review is planned to take place during 2013.

**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 the hydro operations sector. Concerns were expressed that the National Certificate in Electricity Supply (Hydro Operator) (Level 4) [Ref: 0893] contained a number of standards no longer appropriate to hydro operations, due to changes in current practice and technology. The steering group expressed a desire to have a qualification based on training modules intended for hydro operators and a replacement qualification was drafted consisting of new and existing standards based on these modules.

**Main changes resulting from the review**

The National Certificate in Electricity Supply (Hydro Operator) (Level 4) [Ref: 0893] has been replaced by a new qualification consisting of compulsory standards with no elective options.

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**National Certificate in Electricity Supply (Hydro Operator) (Level 4) [Ref: 1405]**

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**Summary of differences between the qualifications**

- The credit requirements have decreased from 100 to 83.
- Standards 1206, 1702, 1983, 7125, 8082, 9686, 11095, 11101, and 16281 from the replaced qualification were not required in the new qualification.
- Recently registered standards 24691, 24692, and 24693 have been included in the new qualification.

## Transition

People currently working towards the National Certificate in Electricity Supply (Hydro Operator) (Level 4) [Ref: 0893] may either complete that qualification or transfer their existing achievements to the National Certificate in Electricity Supply (Hydro Operator) (Level 4) [Ref: 1405].

The last date for assessments to take place for the replaced qualification is 31 December 2011. Industry will continue to recognise the former qualification, and there should be no need to 'upgrade' by those who have already achieved it.

From 1 January 2009 all training programmes and courses will lead to the award of the new qualification. All new trainees will be enrolled in programmes leading to the new qualification.

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

<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
<b>Category C</b> A new (replacement) qualification is published with new NQF ID	Transition arrangements are required if candidates must gain additional/different credits for the new version
	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
<b>Category D</b> Qualification will expire. There is no replacement qualification	Transition may be limited to phase-out dates
	Qualification is no longer required by industry
	The qualification is designated as expiring and a last date for meeting the qualification requirements is set