

FIELD AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES**Review of *Fencing* qualifications****National Certificate in Fencing (Introduction to Fencing) [Ref: 0291]****National Certificate in Fencing with strands in Non-Electric Fencing, and Electric Fencing [Ref: 0324]**

The Agriculture Industry Training Organisation has completed the review of the qualifications listed above.

Replacement qualification

National Certificate in Fencing (Level 3) [Ref: 1465]

New Qualification

National Certificate in Fencing (Level 4) [Ref: 1466]

Date new versions published**December 2008**

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

Summary of review and consultation process

The review was carried out because the qualifications had reached their planned review date. Changes were required a result of standards' review, and feedback from industry had indicated that changes were required to the structure and content of qualifications to meet current industry requirements.

A review panel made up of key industry representatives from the fencing sector were identified, and meetings were convened in the first half of 2007 to review the Fencing standards and qualifications. Initial discussions focused on the current status of the fencing industry, any changes which had occurred since the last review that impacted on training, and the future direction of the industry.

Feedback received since the last review was also considered by the review panel, and reflected in the draft versions of qualifications. Drafts were circulated for internal ITO consultation to training advisors, key accounts managers, and moderators. Suggestions were further considered by the review panel and incorporated if valid.

Final qualification drafts were then placed on the website in July 2008 and all stakeholders (including farmers, farmer trainers, farmer fencers, fencing contractors, fencing organisations, training providers, and other ITOs) were notified of the opportunity to provide feedback. Feedback was considered by the review panel, and qualifications were updated accordingly. Qualifications were endorsed by the Agriculture Industry Committee prior to submission to NZQA for evaluation and registration.

The Agriculture Industry Training Organisation has confirmed that there are only a small number of providers for these qualifications, all of whom have been informed of this review. The providers, in turn, have been asked to inform all of their candidates of this review. The last date for assessments to take place has taken into account their progress to date and allows sufficient time for them to finish.

Main changes resulting from the review

The National Certificate in Fencing (Introduction to Fencing) [Ref: 0291] has been replaced by a new qualification that is significantly different, including the introduction of fifteen standards and the removal of nine. The elective section has been replaced with two sections allowing candidates to choose one standard from each.

The National Certificate in Fencing with strands in Non-Electric Fencing, and Electric Fencing [Ref: 0324] has expired and will not be replaced, as it no longer meets industry needs.

A new qualification, the National Certificate in Fencing (Level 4) [Ref: 1466], has been developed to meet industry needs identified during the 2007 review of the Fencing standards.

National Certificate in Fencing (Introduction to Fencing) [Ref: 0291]
replaced by

National Certificate in Fencing (Level 3) [Ref: 1465]

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There are substantial differences between the new and replaced qualifications. These include:

- Expiring standards 12, 42, 10088, 10089, 19124, 19125 and 19126 have not been included in the new qualification, but their replacements have – see exemptions below.
- Standards 4, 497, 561, 6401, 6402, 6916, 19043, 19053 and 19056, and the subfields of the elective section have not been included in the new qualification.
- Standards 572, 573, 19131, 24537, 24557, 24559, 24563, 24821-24824, 24835, and 24838-24840 have been included in the new qualification.
- Two elective sections have been included in the new qualification, each containing specified standards.

Transition

People currently working towards version 2 of the replaced qualification may either complete the requirements for that version by 31 December 2010 or transfer their results to the new National Certificate in Fencing (Level 3) [Ref: 1465]. However, those transferring are advised there are significant differences between the qualifications and they will need to gain credit for the additional standards required.

Training programmes or courses for the new qualification may start as soon as it is registered. All new candidates will be signed into training programmes leading to the award of the new qualification.

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
12, 10088, 10089, 19124	24832, 24833
38	24821, 24822
41	24824
42	24826, 24828
19057	24557
19058	24559
19060	24563
19125	24834
19126	24836, 24837
19130	24838, 24839, 24840

National Certificate in Fencing with strands in Non-Electric Fencing, and Electric Fencing [Ref: 0324]

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This qualification no longer meets the needs of industry and is expiring.

Transition

Candidates currently working towards version 2 of this qualification must complete its requirements by 31 December 2010.

It is not intended that anyone be disadvantaged by this review. However, anyone who feels 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