

**FIELD            COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES****Review of *Hearing Therapy* qualification****National Diploma in Hearing Therapy (Level 5) [Ref: 1007]**

The Community Support Services Industry Training Organisation Limited (trading as Careerforce) has completed the review of the qualification listed above.

**Date new versions published****December 2008**

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

**Summary of review and consultation process**

The Diploma in Hearing Therapy has been reviewed following the review of the unit standards in the *Hearing Therapy* domain. The changes to the qualification have been circulated to all relevant stakeholders and endorsed in early 2008.

**Main changes resulting from the review**

National Diploma in Hearing Therapy (Level 5)

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Review category	<b>B</b>	See <a href="#">Key to Qualification Review Categories</a> at the end of report
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## Changes to structure and content

- The level was removed from the title.
- Special notes deleted.
- Credit total increased from 120 to 121.
- Subfield changed from *Human Services* to *Community Support*.
- Standard 18598 was replaced by unit standard 23363.
- Standard 23364 was added.
- Standard titles, levels, and credits were amended following review.

This qualification contains a standard that replace an earlier standard. For the purposes of this qualification, people who have gained credit for this standard are exempt from the requirement to gain credit for the expiring standard – see exemption table below.

<b>Credit for</b>	<b>Exempt from</b>
18598	23363

Candidates may choose to complete version 1 of this qualification by 31 December 2010 or transfer their results to version 2 of this qualification.

People who feel disadvantaged by the transition process should contact Community Support Services Industry Training Organisation Limited (see contact details below).

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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