

FIELD HEALTH**Review of *Pharmacy* qualification****National Certificate in Pharmacy (Technician) (Level 5) with strands in Community, and Hospital [Ref: 0423]**

The Pharmacy Industry Training Organisation has reviewed the qualification listed above.

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

Reason for the review

The Advisory Group has designated many of the standards contained in this qualification as expiring when they were found to be not fit for purpose. They developed five new standards that better fit the requirements of the pharmacy technician's job role. This resulted in a requirement to review the qualification to include the newly developed unit standards.

Main changes resulting from the review

- Expiring standards have been removed.
- New standards have been included in the compulsory section.

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Changes to structure and content

- Standards 6400, 6401 and 6402 have been moved to the special notes.
- Standards 497 and 23656 have been removed from the compulsory section.
- Standards, 23659, 23660, 23661, 23662, 23663, 23664, 23665, 23666, 23667, 23668, 23670 and 23671 have been substituted with standards 25261, 25262, 25263, 25264, and 25265 in the compulsory section.
- Credits of standards 23658 and 23669 have been amended following revision.

Transition

People currently enrolled in programmes leading to the award of version 6 of this qualification may either complete that version or transfer to version 7.

This qualification contains standards that have been used as substitutes for 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
9648	23654, 23655
9652	23657

Credit for	Exempt from
23659 and 23665	25261
23660 and 23663	25262
23661, 23667 and 23668	25263
23662, 23664 and 23666	25264
23670 and 23671	25265

Any candidate who feels that they have been disadvantaged by these transition arrangements should contact the Pharmacy Industry Training Organisation at the address given below.

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