

FIELD SERVICE SECTOR**Review of *Scaffolding* qualification****National Certificate in Scaffolding (Level 4) with strands in Advanced Scaffolding, and Suspended Scaffolding [Ref: 0110]**

Opportunity - The Training Organisation, through Scaffolding, Rigging and Industrial Rope Access Industry Training (SRIIT) has completed the review of the qualification listed above.

New qualification

National Certificate in Intermediate Scaffolding (Level 4) [Ref: 1463]

Date new versions published**December 2008**

The next National Certificate in Scaffolding (Level 4) with strands in Advanced Scaffolding, and Suspended Scaffolding [Ref: 0110] review is planned to take place 2013.

The next National Certificate in Intermediate Scaffolding (Level 4) [Ref: 1463] review is planned to take place during 2014.

Summary of review and consultation process

This review is the second phase of a planned and ongoing review process. Feedback was sought from stakeholders through representatives of interest groups such as employers, unions, training organisations and assessors. The executive of SRIIT, comprising representatives of these and other groups (such as candidates and wider industry) also consulted their constituencies and commented accordingly.

The review took into account a recent review of *Scaffolding* standards. This review resulted in changes to the content and credit value of standards 4208-4211. It also introduced a new series of standards 23716-23722. In view of these changes, the industry decided to utilise a number of the new standards in a new qualification, the National Certificate in Intermediate Scaffolding (Level 4) [Ref: 1463].

The review also considered the relationship between scaffolding qualifications and the scaffolding Certificates of Competence as specified in the Health and Safety in Employment Regulations 1995. Details relevant to each strand of qualification [Ref: 0110] have been added.

The National Certificate in Intermediate Scaffolding (Level 4) [Ref: 1463] has been established as a prerequisite to the Advanced Scaffolding strand of [Ref: 0110] as a result of the review. It should be noted that the industry intends to develop separate advanced scaffolding and suspended scaffolding qualifications in due course, at which point this qualification will be deregistered.

Main changes resulting from the review

National Certificate in Scaffolding (Level 4) with strands in Advanced Scaffolding, and Suspended Scaffolding [Ref: 0110]

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Changes to structure and content

- The National Certificate in Intermediate Scaffolding (Level 4) [Ref: 1463] replaced the National Certificate in Scaffolding (Elementary) (Level 3) [Ref: 1352] or standards 4200-4203 as the prerequisite for the Advanced Scaffolding strand.
- The credit values of standards 4208, 4209, 4210 and 4211 were updated following their review.
- The relevant classes of the Suspended and Advanced Scaffolding Certificates of Competence for which each strand is a prerequisite were specified.
- The total credits required for the qualification were adjusted accordingly.

Transition

People enrolled in programmes leading to the Advanced Scaffolding strand may either complete version 5 or transfer to version 6. As there are no changes to the Suspended Scaffolding strand, those enrolled in this strand will be automatically transferred to version 6.

The last date for enrolment in programmes leading to the award of version 5 is 28 February 2009. The last date to complete the requirements of versions 4 and 5 of this qualification is 31 December 2010.

People who consider that they have been disadvantaged by these transition arrangements should contact the SRIIT, the Scaffolding Rigging and Industrial Rope Access sector advisory group of Opportunity - The Training Organisation – see address below.

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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