

FIELD AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES**Review of *Forest Health Surveillance* qualification****National Certificate in Forest Health Surveillance (Level 5) [Ref: 0909]**

The Forest Industries Training and Education Council (FITEC) has completed the review of the qualification above.

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The next qualification review is planned to take place during 2012.

Summary of review and consultation process

This qualification was reviewed because of changes made by a Committee of the New Zealand Forest Owners Association to the procedures for the surveillance of tree health in forest plantations, and other changes made by Biosecurity New Zealand to the procedures for the surveillance of the health of trees and of wood and wooden structures in high risk sites in the urban environment.

Main changes resulting from the review

Standards 22894 and 22895 have been developed to meet the new requirements of the New Zealand Forest Owners Association for the forest health surveillance of plantation trees, and the new requirements of Biosecurity New Zealand for the surveillance of high risk sites in the urban forest environment such as devaning sites, transitional facilities, and vegetation rich areas. The standards they replace, standard 5872 in the compulsory section, and standard 5875 in the elective section, are no longer 'fit for purpose'.

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Changes to content

- Standard credits, levels and classifications have been updated to take into account reviews of standards by FITEC.
- Standard 1241 has been replaced in the qualification with standard 1138. This reflects the review of standard 1241, the level of the qualification, and the requirements of the target audience.
- Standard 19058 had been replaced by standards 24558 and 24559 to reflect its review by the Agriculture Industry Training Organisation. Their two prerequisite standards, standards 24556 and 24557, have also been added to the elective section.
- Compulsory credits increased from 91 to 102.
- Minimum elective credits increased from 19 to 28.
- Total credits required for the qualification increased from 110 to 130.

Transition

The standards which were replaced in this qualification (standards 5872 and 5875) are no longer 'fit for purpose' and people wanting to work in the field of forest health surveillance are required to retrain, and complete assessment against, the new standards.

People who have completed versions 1 or 2 of this qualification will be required to complete the new standard in the compulsory (22895) to meet the new level of competency required by the New Zealand Forest Owners Association. People who choose to complete the replacement elective standard (22894), will meet the new Biosecurity New Zealand requirements for the surveillance of trees and wood in high risk sites in the urban forest environment.

Candidates who feel they have been disadvantaged by these transition arrangements should contact FITEC at the address below.

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 |
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| 1128 | 14666, 14667 |
| 1211, 1213, 1214, 1215 | 17769 |
| 1241 | 1138 |
| 10099 | 24558, 22559 |
| 19058 | 24558, 22559 |

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Key to Qualification Review Categories

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| 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 |