

## FIELD                    COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES

### Review of *Social Services* qualifications

**National Certificate in Youth Work (Youth Worker Assistant) (Level 3) [Ref: 0668]**

**National Certificate in Youth Work (Level 4) [Ref: 0669]**

**National Diploma in Youth Work (Level 6) [Ref: 0670]**

Te Kaiāwhina Ahumahi Social Services Industry Training Organisation Inc has completed the review of the qualifications listed above.

**Date new versions published**

**July 2008**

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

### Summary of review and consultation process

The review of the youth work qualifications came about as a result of the need to improve the qualifications to better reflect the youth work industry. The feedback from members of the youth work industry, including providers, youth workers, youth work employers, students, and work place assessors clearly identified this need.

The review was guided by the requirement to ensure that the appropriate knowledge, skills and values were focussed on, particularly in light of the government's *Youth Development Strategy Aotearoa*.

The review process began in 2004, and involved:

- focus groups of stakeholders, including education and training providers, youth workers, and employers
- a review of the outcomes of all moderation activities for the *Youth Work* domain, and consultation with the National Moderators
- communications from various stakeholders since the qualifications were first registered
- consultation with industry experts on the qualifications.

### Main changes resulting from the review

The review process has resulted in the following changes to the qualifications:

- The qualifications and their constituent unit standards were reviewed or re-developed to be consistent with the *Youth Development Strategy Aotearoa*.
- Replacement of some unit standards in the qualifications.
- The first aid unit standards were removed from all three qualifications after industry consultation, because they did not guarantee currency of first aid competency. The unit standards were replaced by a special note that recommends that people participating in programmes leading to award of each of the three qualifications hold a current First Aid Certificate.
- Where appropriate, exemptions were developed for unit standards that were removed from the qualifications.

The review process has more clearly specified the different competencies required at all levels for the practice of youth work.

**National Certificate in Youth Work (Youth Worker Assistant) (Level 3) [Ref: 0668]****National Certificate in Youth Work (Youth Leadership) (Level 3) [Ref: 0668]**

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 title of the qualification has been changed to refer to Youth Leadership, rather than Youth Worker Assistant, to more closely align the title with industry usage
- standards 497, 4249, 6401, and 6402 were removed
- a special note was added recommending that people participating in a programme that leads to award of this qualification hold a current First Aid Certificate
- standards 22256 and 22257 were added
- the credit total decreased from 46 to 40
- the elective section was removed.

People currently working towards version 3 of this qualification may complete that version before December 2009 or transfer to version 4.

All versions of the qualification will be recognised by Te Kaiāwhina Ahumahi Social Services Industry Training Organisation.

**National Certificate in Youth Work (Level 4) [Ref: 0669]**

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:

- standards 497, 4249, 6401, 6402, 13102, 16867, and 18290 were removed
- a special note was added recommending that people participating in a programme that leads to award of this qualification hold a current First Aid Certificate
- standards 16849, 22250, and 22252-22256 were added
- standard 16848 was replaced by standard 22252
- the credit total increased from 120 to 121 credits
- the elective section was removed.

People currently working towards version 4 of this qualification may complete that version before December 2009 or transfer to version 5.

It is not intended that anyone be disadvantaged by this review. Any person who believes they have been disadvantaged should contact Te Kaiāwhina Ahumahi at the address below.

All versions of the qualification will be recognised by Te Kaiāwhina Ahumahi Social Services Industry Training Organisation.

This qualification contains a standard that replaced an earlier standard, and a standard that has similar outcomes that was exempted. For the purposes of this qualification, people who have gained credit for the standards are exempt from the requirement to gain credit for the new standards – see table below.

Credit for	Exempt from
16848	22252
16867	22250

### National Diploma in Youth Work (Level 6) [Ref: 0670]

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:

- a special note was added recommending that people participating in a programme that leads to award of this qualification hold a current First Aid Certificate
- the special note related to fieldwork placements was amended to provide further guidance on practicum requirements
- the credit total for the qualification was reduced from 240 credits to 200
- the credit total for compulsory standards decreased, and the credit total for the electives increased to allow for more individual choice regarding career options
- standards 497, 6401, 6402, 7930, 7934, 7948, 7970, 7972, 7973, 7975, 7984, 8000, 13104, 16851, 16860, 16866, and 19404 were removed
- standards 7928 and 16844 were replaced by standard 22246
- standards 7943, 7946, 7990, 7998, and 16862 were moved from the Compulsory section to the Elective 1 section
- standards 22247, 22249, and 22251 were added to the Compulsory section
- standards 7976, 8071, 16847, 16862, 18150, 18151, 18290, 18292, and 22254 were added to the Elective 1 section
- the standards in Elective 2 must now be at level 5 or above, and can be chosen from anywhere on the National Qualifications Framework.

People currently working towards version 4 of this qualification may complete that version before December 2010 or transfer to version 5.

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All versions of the qualification will be recognised by Te Kaiāwhina Ahumahi Social Services Industry Training Organisation.

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
7928, 16844	22246

## 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