

FIELD AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES**Review of *Urban Pest Management* qualification****National Certificate in Urban Pest Management with optional strand in Fumigation, Vertebrate Pests, Wood Borer, Shooting, Bird Control, and Textile Pests [Ref: 0256]**

The Building Service Contractors of New Zealand Incorporated has completed the review of the qualification listed above.

Date new version published**July 2008**

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

Summary of review and consultation process

The review process was undertaken to take account of the review of core generic standards 497, 1297 and 1307. The review resulted in the SSB deciding to add two new optional standalone strands as part of the continuing development of the qualification.

Within the pest management industry there are numbers of pest control technicians that specialise in various parts of the industry. Including the new strands for bedbug and ant control as part of the qualification, allows pest technicians to have their specialist skills and knowledge formally recognised.

Main changes resulting from the review

National Certificate in Urban Pest Management with optional strand in Fumigation, Vertebrate Pests, Wood Borer, Shooting, Bird Control, and Textile Pests [Ref: 0256]
National Certificate in Urban Pest Management with optional strands in Fumigation, Vertebrate Pests, Wood Borer, Shooting, Bird Control, Textile Pests, Bedbug Control, and Ant Control [Ref: 0256]

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Changes to structure and content

- Title change to standards 497 and 1307
- Standard 1279 credits increased from 2 to 3
- Standard 497 credits increased from 1 to 3
- Addition of Bedbug Control and Ant Control optional strands
- Number of core credits increased from 63 to 66 (and 78 to 86 depending on the optional strand).

Transition

People part way through an earlier version of the qualification may choose to complete that version or transfer to the latest version. The last date for this is December 2009.

It is not intended that anyone is disadvantaged by this review, and the above arrangements were designed for smooth transition. However, anyone who feels they have been disadvantaged may appeal to:

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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