

FIELD AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES**Review of *Seafood Vessel Operations* qualification****National Certificate in Seafood Vessel Operations (Small Vessel Seafood Harvesting) [Ref: 1154]**

The Seafood Industry Training Organisation has completed the review of the qualification listed above.

Date new version published**June 2008**

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

Summary of review and consultation process

This qualification has been reviewed to ensure it meets the current needs of the industry and to recognise the knowledge and skills required for a number of different roles of seafood harvesters operating small vessels in the in-shore fishery and also for those aboard large vessels at sea and for people managing vessels from ashore.

Review meetings with the Seafood Vessel Operations advisory group, industry representatives, companies, and providers were held and resulted in several changes to this qualification. These changes were implemented to better reflect the requirements of a number of various seafood harvesters across the industry.

Main changes resulting from the review

National Certificate in Seafood Vessel Operations (Small Vessel Seafood Harvesting)
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National Certificate in Seafood Vessel Operations (Level 2) [Ref: 1154]

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Changes to structure and content

- Title changed to reflect the fact that the qualification was not intended solely for people working small vessels, but also to include those working on larger vessels and those involved in management from ashore.
- Purpose statement updated to better reflect the target groups for the qualification.
- Elective 1 has been expanded with the addition of standards 497 (Occupational Health and Safety Practice); 6400, 6401 and 6402 (Core Health); and 19877, 20168, 22748 (Seafood Vessel Operations).
- Elective 2 has been expanded with the addition of the subfield Business Operations and Development.
- The credit requirements for Elective 1 have increased from 14 to 16 credits from the stated standards; and for Elective 2 have reduced from 26 to 24 credits at level 2 or above from the listed subfields.

Transition

People currently working towards version 1 of this qualification may either complete the requirements for that version or transfer their results to this version. The last date for assessments to take place for version 1 is 31 December 2009.

Appeals

It is anticipated that no existing candidates will be disadvantaged by these transition arrangements. Any person who feels they have been disadvantaged by these transition arrangements can contact the Seafood ITO who will consider appeals on a case-by-case basis.

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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