

**FIELD                    PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION****Review of *Specialist Interiors* qualifications**

**National Certificate in Specialist Interiors (Proprietary Partitions Installation) with an optional strand in Access Floors Installation [Ref: 0276]**

**National Certificate in Specialist Interiors (Suspended Ceilings Installation) with an optional strand in Access Floors Installation [Ref: 0277]**

The Building and Construction Industry Training Organisation has completed the review of the qualifications listed above.

**Replacement qualification**

**National Certificate in Specialist Interiors (Installation) (Level 3) with strands in Suspended Ceilings, and Proprietary Partitions, and with an optional strand in Access Floors [Ref: 1390]**

**Date new versions published**

**June 2008**

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

**Summary of review and consultation process**

These qualifications were reviewed as part of the scheduled review process for the Specialist Interiors domain, and in response to changing industry needs. Feedback was sought from a working party consisting of direct representatives from the Specialist Interiors industry regarding the structure and content of the qualifications, and they were updated following consultation and endorsement by industry.

**Main changes resulting from the review**

There was sufficient crossover between the reviewed qualifications to warrant combination into one new qualification with three strands – Suspended Ceilings, Proprietary Partitions, and an Optional Access Floors strand. The title reflects this, and the level of the qualification has been added. The reviewed qualifications contained a number of standards that covered similar skills but at different levels. The lower level skills have now been removed. Title and credit details of standards were updated to reflect the outcome of reviews. Replacements for expiring compulsory standards have become optional to more accurately reflect the needs of industry. Two standards considered important to the construction industry have been added to the compulsory section of the qualification, these are Unit 8492, *Use standard units of measurement* and Unit 22145, *Handle construction materials*.

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#### Differences between qualifications

- title and credit details of standards were updated to reflect the outcome of reviews
- standards 8492 and 22145 were added to the compulsory section
- standards 4329, 4330, 4338, 4339, and 6122 are not in the new qualification
- standards 4344, 4346, 4347, and 6121 from the compulsory section of Q0276 were placed in the Proprietary Partitions strand
- standards 4336, 6124, and 6155 from the compulsory section of Q0277 were placed in the Suspended Ceilings strand
- standards 4345 and 6123 from Q0276 were replaced by standard 22217 which has become an optional standard
- standards 4337 and 6125 from Q0277 were replaced by standard 22218 which has become an optional standard
- the level of the qualification is level 3.

#### Transition

People currently working towards version 3 of either the National Certificate in Specialist Interiors (Proprietary Partitions Installation) with an optional strand in Access Floors Installation [Ref: 0276], or the National Certificate in Specialist Interiors (Suspended Ceilings Installation) with an optional strand in Access Floors Installation [Ref: 0277], may choose to complete that version or transfer their results to the National Certificate in Specialist Interiors (Installation) (Level 3) with strands in Suspended Ceilings, and Proprietary Partitions, and with an optional strand in Access Floors.

The final date for assessments to take place for version 3 of either of the replaced qualifications is 31 December 2011.

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
4341	21947
4337, 6125	22218
4345, 6123	22217

## General Transition

All versions of the replaced qualifications will be recognised by the Building and Construction Industry Training Organisation. It is not intended that anyone is disadvantaged by this review, and the above arrangements have been designed for a smooth transition. However, anyone who feels they have been disadvantaged may appeal to the Building and Construction Industry Training Organisation at the address below.

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## 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