

FIELD MANUFACTURING**Review of *Meat Inspection Services* qualification**

National Certificate in Meat Inspection Services with strands in Sheep, Lambs and Goats; and Cattle, Beefaloes and Buffaloes; and with optional strands in Horses; Pigs; Bobby Calves; Deer; Feral Pigs; Feral Deer; Feral Goats; Feral Horses; and Advanced Meat Inspection Services [Ref: 0785]

The New Zealand Industry Training Organisation (NZITO) has completed the review of the qualification listed above.

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

Summary of review and consultation process

This review took place in response to feedback from AsureQuality, a state owned enterprise responsible for providing warranted animal product examiners to export meat processing facilities. This feedback indicated that the current structure of the qualification no longer met the needs in today's meat processing environment. The qualification also needed updating in view of the recent unit standard review.

Main changes resulting from the review

This review resulted in major structural change. The core elective section was removed and the strands were broadened to provide greater flexibility to those plants that process species other than sheep, lambs, goats, and cattle. The feral species strands were removed and the feral standards incorporated into a single standard. Optional strands for feral animals were replaced by one optional Other Species strand, and the optional Advanced Meat Inspection Services was renamed Pre-slaughter Examination Services strand.

Standards that were no longer considered relevant to the outcome of this qualification were removed and new standards that recognised workplace knowledge and skills were added.

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National Certificate in Animal Product Examination Services with strands in Sheep and Goats, Lambs, Cattle, Horses, Pigs, Bobby Calves, Deer, and Ostriches and Emus, and with optional strands in Other Species, and Pre-slaughter Examination Services [Ref: 0785]

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Changes to structure and content

- Core Compulsory - standard 13472 and 13473 removed; standard 24501 replaced 17378; and standard 24506 added (replacement for species specific standards 13506, 13507, 13508, 13509, 13510 and 13511 in various stands)
- Core Elective section removed
- Elective strand for Sheep, Lambs and Goats split into two – Sheep and Goats; and Lambs
- Standard 13500 replaced by standards 24503, 24504 and 24505; standards 24503 and 24505 included in Sheep and Goats strand, and 24504 and 24505 included in Lambs strand
- Elective strand for Cattle, Beefaloes and Buffaloes strand renamed Cattle strand
- New elective strand for Ostriches and Emus added
- Optional strands for Horses, Pigs, Bobby Calves, and Deer changed to elective strands
- New standard 24507 added to the Bobby Calves strand
- Optional strands for Feral Pigs, Feral Deer, Feral Goats and Feral Horses replaced by optional strand for Other Species strand; and standard 24502 replaced standards 13481, 13482, 13495, 13496
- Optional Advanced Meat Inspection Services strand renamed Advanced Pre-slaughter Examination Services, and new standard 24508 has been added to the elective set
- Classifications, titles, levels, and credits of reviewed standards updated
- Title of qualification updated to match new classification and reflect changes to strands
- Minimum credit total increased from 84 to 94-139 depending on strand.

Transition

People currently working towards versions 1, 2, or 3 of this qualification may complete that version or transfer their results to version 4.

The last date for award of versions 1, 2, or 3 is 31 December 2010.

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
17378	24501
One of – 13481, 13482, 13484, 13495, 13496	24502
13500	24503, 24504, 24505
One of – 13506, 13507, 13508, 13509, 13510, 13511	24506

It is anticipated that no existing candidates will be disadvantaged by these transition arrangements. However, anyone who feels that they have been disadvantaged may appeal to the NZITO 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