

**FIELD                    MANUFACTURING****Revision of *Competitive Manufacturing* qualifications**

**National Certificate in Competitive Manufacturing with strands in Introductory Application, and Technical Application [Ref: 1215]**  
**National Certificate in Competitive Manufacturing (Level 4) with an optional strand in Facilitation [Ref: 1216]**

The Forest Industries Training and Education Council (FITEC), on behalf of the Competitive Manufacturing Consortium in New Zealand, has revised the qualifications listed above.

**Date new versions published**

**November 2008**

**New qualification**

**National Diploma in Competitive Manufacturing (Level 5) [Ref: 1458]**

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

**Reason for the revision**

Consultation with industry has led to the development of a National Diploma in Competitive Manufacturing, to recognise high-level skills in the industry and to align with the Australian [MSA51108 Diploma of Competitive Manufacturing](#). This development led to the revision of the National Certificate in Competitive Manufacturing with strands in Introductory Application, and Technical Application [Ref: 1215] and the National Certificate in Competitive Manufacturing (Level 4) with an optional strand in Facilitation [Ref: 1216] to ensure a coherent pathway for candidates, and for continued consistency with the Australian equivalents.

These qualifications were revised as a result of the registration of further Competitive Manufacturing NQF standards (Australian) from the Australian Training Package *MSA07 Manufacturing* on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF), the review of the Australian [MSA31108 Certificate III in Competitive Manufacturing](#) and the Australian [MSA41108 Certificate IV in Competitive Manufacturing](#), and the review of the First Line Management domain.

**Main changes resulting from the revision**

**National Certificate in Competitive Manufacturing with strands in Introductory Application, and Technical Application [Ref: 1215]**

Changes to structure and content

- Standards 24782, 24783, 24784, and 24785 have been added to the Technical Application Strand Elective to better reflect the structure of [Certificate III](#).
- Title of the Technical Application strand elective has been changed.

## National Certificate in Competitive Manufacturing (Level 4) with an optional strand in Facilitation [Ref: 1216]

Changes to structure and content

- A new Elective 1 has been added to better reflect the structure of [Certificate IV](#).
- Standards 24782, 24783, 24784, and 24785 have been added to Elective 2.
- The option to choose standards from the First Line Management domain in the Facilitation Optional Strand has been replaced with the option to choose standards from the People Development and Coordination, and Systems and Resources Management domains.

### Transition

People currently working towards version 1 of these qualifications may either complete the requirements for that version by 31 December 2011 or transfer their results to version 2. The last date for entry to training programmes or courses for version 1 of both qualifications is December 2009.

It is anticipated that no existing trainees will be disadvantaged by these transition arrangements. Any person who feels they have been disadvantaged by these transition arrangements should contact FITEC who will consider appeals on a case by case basis.

For the purposes of the National Certificate in Competitive Manufacturing (Level 4) with an optional strand in Facilitation [Ref: 1216] people may use credit gained for standards in the lapsing domain towards meeting the qualification requirements as follows:

Credits for standards in	Count towards qualification requirements where the following is specified
Business> Management > First Line Management	Business> Business Operations and Development >People Development and Coordination

### Contact for appeals

Forest Industries Training and Education Council (FITEC)  
 PO Box 137067  
 Parnell  
 Auckland 1151

Telephone           09 356 7250  
 Email                [info@fitec.org.nz](mailto:info@fitec.org.nz)