

**FIELD                    COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES****Review of *Fire and Rescue Services* qualifications****National Certificate in Fire and Rescue Services – Airport (Basic) (Level 2)**

[Ref: 1158]

**National Certificate in Fire and Rescue Services – Airport (Advanced) (Level 3)**

[Ref: 1159]

**National Certificate in Fire and Rescue Services – Airport (Supervisory) (Level 4)**

[Ref: 1160]

The Fire and Rescue Services Industry Training Organisation (FRSITO) has completed the review of the qualifications listed above.

**Replacement qualifications**

National Certificate in Fire and Rescue Services – Airport (Level 3) [Ref: 1454]

National Certificate in Fire and Rescue Services – Airport (Level 4) [Ref: 1455]

**Date new versions published****November 2008**

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

**Summary of review and consultation process**

The reason for the review was that airport fire and rescue personnel at the differing airport categories around the country were often unable to demonstrate the full range of knowledge and skills required to achieve all the outcomes in the compulsory sections of the qualifications. Because of the prerequisite structure of the qualifications it meant that if airport fire and rescue staff could not complete one of the qualifications, because of the less comprehensive range of skills required at some airport categories, then they were unable to progress onto further qualifications either.

The National Certificate in Fire and Rescue Services – Airport (Level 2) [Ref: 1158], the National Certificate in Fire and Rescue Services – Airport (Level 3) [Ref: 1454], and the National Certificate in Fire and Rescue Services – Airport (Level 4) [Ref: 1455] have been designed to address this issue by including less comprehensive compulsory sections, greater elective choice, and some overlapping options for candidates wanting to progress through the suite of airport fire and rescue service qualifications.

FRSITO convened an advisory group comprising staff from international airports, regional airports and the Ministry of Defence. This group reviewed the content of the qualifications and they then distributed the revised draft documents for wider general stakeholder consultation.

**Main changes resulting from the review**

The three qualifications all now have minimum credit totals of 40 at or above the level of the qualification to minimise the compliance costs to employers and to give candidates maximum incentives for qualification completions.

The focus of the qualifications is more on airport specific outcomes while the inclusion of elective sections enables candidates at different airport categories to select the options appropriate to their particular workplace.

The descriptors in the titles (basic, advanced, and supervisory) have been dropped because they are considered to be inappropriate for the nature of the range of work undertaken by airport fire and rescue services at different airport categories.

The collective structure of the three qualifications reflects the requirements of the Civil Aviation Authority of New Zealand.

**National Certificate in Fire and Rescue Services – Airport (Basic) (Level 2) [Ref: 1158]**  
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Review category	<b>B</b>	See <a href="#">Key to Qualification Review Categories</a> at the end of report
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Changes to structure and content

- Title changed to remove the 'Basic' descriptor.
- Standard 17279 added to the compulsory section.
- Standards 3272, 3285 and 10614 removed from the qualification.
- Total credit requirements increased from 44 to 46.
- Elective section added to the qualification, allowing credits to be selected from anywhere on the NQF.

**National Certificate in Fire and Rescue Services – Airport (Advanced) (Level 3) [Ref: 1159]**  
*replaced by*

**National Certificate in Fire and Rescue Services – Airport (Level 3) [Ref: 1454]**

Review category	<b>C</b>	See <a href="#">Key to Qualification Review Categories</a> at the end of report
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Summary of differences between the qualifications:

- Title changed to remove the 'Advanced' descriptor.
- Standard 20388 moved from the elective to the compulsory section.
- Standards 16946, 20385, 20387 and 20390 moved from the compulsory section to Elective A.
- Standard 3272 added to the compulsory section, and standards 14470-14473, 17348 and 17349 added to Elective A.
- Standards 3267, 3309, 3310, 3312, 3330, 3492, 14555, 16943 and 20386 removed from the qualification.
- Total credit requirements decreased from 47 to 40.
- Credit requirements of the compulsory section decreased from 42 to 19.
- Elective set (Elective B) added to the qualification, allowing credits to be selected from anywhere on the NQF.

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
3325	20389, 20390
3332, 3333	20391

National Certificate in Fire and Rescue Services – Airport (Supervisory) (Level 4)  
[Ref: 1160]

*replaced by*

**National Certificate in Fire and Rescue Services – Airport (Level 4) [Ref: 1455]**

Review category	<b>C</b>	See <a href="#">Key to Qualification Review Categories</a> at the end of report
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Summary of differences between the qualifications:

- Title changed to remove the ‘Supervisory’ descriptor.
- Standard 3281 moved from the elective to the compulsory section.
- Standards 3311, 3315 and 16947 moved from the compulsory section to Elective A.
- Standards 8880, 20387 and 20390 added to the compulsory section, and standards 3267, 14470-14473, 17357 and 22445 added to Elective A.
- Standards 2780, 3491, 4098, 9679, 9701, 14562, 16933, 16943, 17279, 19444, 20394 and 20395 removed from the qualification.
- Total credit requirements decreased from 65 to 40.
- Credit requirements of the compulsory section decreased from 53 to 24.
- Elective set (Elective B) added to the qualification, allowing credits to be selected from anywhere on the NQF.

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
3325	20390
17280	22445

People currently working towards any of the replaced qualifications may either complete the requirements for those qualifications or transfer their results to the appropriate replacement qualification.

The last date for people to meet the requirements of the replaced qualifications or version 1 of the National Certificate in Fire and Rescue Services – Airport (Basic) (Level 2) [Ref: 1158] is 31 December 2010.

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 Fire and Rescue Services 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