

FIELD BUSINESS**Review of *Public Sector Services* qualification****National Certificate in Public Sector Services (Introduction) [Ref: 0713]**

Learning State has completed the review of the qualification listed above.

Date new versions published**November 2008**

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

Replacement qualification

National Certificate in Public Sector Services (Induction) (Level 3) [Ref: 1453]

Summary of review and consultation process

The qualification was due for review in 2002, and four of its compulsory standards had expired and were no longer achievable. There were no learners enrolled in programmes leading to the qualification and it had never been awarded.

Learning State was involved over the last two years in developing a State sector induction programme and stakeholders agreed that the new induction qualification should replace this introductory qualification.

Consultation was carried out with a large number of State sector agencies and the new induction programme was trialled in two agencies, and it was anticipated that there would be a high demand for the new qualification as recognition for people completing induction programmes.

Main changes resulting from the review

The qualification was replaced. The new qualification included the word induction instead of introduction to better reflect the purpose of the qualification. The number of compulsory standards was reduced to reflect the core components of the State sector induction programme.

National Certificate in Public Sector Services (Introduction) [Ref: 0713]
replaced by

National Certificate in Public Sector Services (Induction) (Level 3) [Ref: 1453]

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While there is some commonality between the new and replaced qualification, there are also substantial differences. These include:

- the credit value of the qualification was reduced from 60 to 43 credits
- compulsory standards 17213 and 14950 were retained, and standards 19906, 19907 and 25052 were added to the compulsory section

- the elective section was expanded to include credit from whole domains rather than specified standards
- the option for selecting credit from anywhere on the NQF was removed.

People who have gained credit for standards in the following expired classification may use those credits towards meeting the elective requirements of the new qualification.

Standards from	Are treated as Standards from
Business > Public Sector Services > Public Sector Introductory Core Skills	Business > Public Sector Services > Public Sector Core Skills

Transition for replaced qualification

Learning State is not aware of any existing candidates for the replaced qualification. However, if there are any existing candidates they may choose to complete the requirements of that qualification or transfer to the National Certificate in Public Sector Services (Induction) (Level 3) [Ref: 1453]. The latter course of action is recommended.

The replaced qualification contains standards that have expired. People choosing to complete that qualification, may use credit for the replacement standards as exemptions for expired standards – see table below.

Credit for	Exempt from
19895, 19900, 19903	14947, 14948, 14952
19901	14953

Last date for assessment leading toward the replaced qualification is December 2009.

Any person who considers they have been disadvantaged by these transition arrangements may appeal to:

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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