

FIELD AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES**Review of *Aquaculture* qualification****National Certificate in Aquaculture (Level 2) [Ref: 1063]**

The Seafood Industry Training Organisation (SITO) has completed the review of the qualification listed above.

Date new version published**April 2009**

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

Summary of review and consultation process

Over the course of the year, SITO, registered assessors and industry representatives met and provided feedback regarding this qualification. The main issue related to the requirement that the current level and credit values of Aquaculture standards was used to determine whether a candidate had met the qualification requirements, regardless of the version of the standard held by the candidate. This requirement was an obstacle to candidates completing the qualification and has been removed as per the feedback of the industry. The details of reviewed standard 497 have also been updated and the credit totals changed to reflect this.

Main changes resulting from the review**National Certificate in Aquaculture (Level 2) [Ref: 1063]**

Review category	B	See Key to Qualification Review Categories at the end of report
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Changes to structure and content

- removal of the requirement to use the current level and credit values of Aquaculture standards regardless of the version held by the candidate
- change of title for standards 497, 6213, and 17254
- increase from 1 credit to 3 credits for reviewed standard 497, which has resulted in the overall minimum credit total increasing from 60 to 62.

It is the intention of the Seafood Industry Training Organisation that no one is disadvantaged by this review. Anyone who thinks that they may have been disadvantaged should, in the first instance, contact the Seafood Industry Training Organisation at the address below.

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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