

FIELD AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES**Review of *Forestry* qualification****National Certificate in Forestry (Log Scaling) (Level 4) [Ref: 1211]**

The Forest Industries Training and Education Council (FITEC) has completed the review of the qualification listed above.

Replacement qualification

National Certificate in Forestry (Level 3) with strands in Log Scaling, and Log Marshalling [Ref: 1508]

Date new versions published**August 2009**

The next qualification review is planned to take place during 2014.

Summary of review and consultation process

In 2008 industry approached FITEC suggesting that a review of the National Certificate in Log Scaling (Level 4) [Ref: 1211] was required. Most log scalers were not able to complete this National Certificate due to the inclusion of standard 6959 covering the calculation of log scaling volume that is carried out by administration or management staff.

FITEC consulted with log scaling companies, speaking to managers, log scalers, trainers and assessors to determine the skill sets required for log scalers. It was also determined during this consultation that there was a log marshalling activity that was not covered by the existing qualification.

Existing standards within the qualification were reviewed and it was determined that the content of the standards did not need to change.

A draft qualification was developed, circulated to industry, and endorsed.

Main changes resulting from the review

This qualification has been designated as expiring, and a replacement qualification has been registered. The replacement qualification is at Level 3, and includes a strand in Log Scaling, and a strand in Log Marshalling.

National Certificate in Forestry (Log Scaling) (Level 4) [Ref: 1211]

Replaced by

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Review category	C	See Key to Qualification Review Categories at the end of report
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Transition

The final date for entry in to programmes of study leading towards the replaced qualification is 31 December 2009. People currently enrolled in programmes of study leading towards the replaced qualification have until 31 December 2011 to complete the assessment requirements for that qualification.

People currently working towards the replaced qualification may complete the requirements for that qualification or transfer their results to this qualification. Candidates who have not gained credit for standard 6959 are advised to transfer to the replacement qualification.

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
13108, 13109	22994

Reverse transition for qualification [Ref: 1211]

This qualification contains standards that have been replaced by a later standard. For the purposes of this qualification, people who have gained credit for the replacement standard are exempt from the requirement to gain credit for the expiring standards – see table below.

Credit for	Exempt from
22994	13108, 13109

It is not expected that anyone will be disadvantaged by these transition arrangements. However, any existing candidate who considers they have been disadvantaged can appeal to FITEC 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