

FIELD COMMUNITY AND SUPPORT SERVICES**Review of *Parks and Recreation* qualification****National Certificate in Parks and Recreation (Level 3) with strands in Local Authority Park Ranger, and Parks Contractor [Ref: 1268]**

The Sport, Fitness and Recreation Industry Training Organisation Limited (Sfrito) has completed the review of the qualification listed above.

Replacement qualification

National Certificate in Parks and Recreation (Park Ranger) (Level 3) [Ref: 1475].

Date new versions published**February 2009**

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

Summary of review and consultation process

An advisory group was convened to determine whether this qualification continued to meet the needs of industry. Feedback from industry was that the qualification was unwieldy, overly complicated and too big. There had been no uptake of the qualification. Consultation also included the Department of Conservation (DOC) and Learning State. As a result, a replacement qualification was developed which is designed to be a stepping stone to a higher level Learning State qualification for DOC workers, but also as a stand-alone qualification for local authority park rangers.

Main changes resulting from the review

Following the review, this qualification will expire and be replaced by the National Certificate in Parks and Recreation (Park Ranger) (Level 3).

The replacement qualification has simpler qualification requirements, fewer credits and is not stranded.

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National Certificate in Parks and Recreation (Park Ranger) (Level 3) [Ref: 1475]

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The replacement qualification differs from its predecessor in the following ways:

- Credit value reduced from 103 to 75
- Strands removed.

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.

Credit for	Exempt from
429	20816
435	20159, 20160
1678, 1679	21033
4136	6915
5059	21554
5061	21556
5064	21564
5065	21559

Transition

The replaced qualification has never been awarded and Sport Fitness and Recreation (Sfrito) is unaware of any existing candidates. However, if there are any candidates they may choose one of the following options:

- complete the replaced qualification
- transfer to this qualification
- transfer to the National Certificate in Community Recreation (Community Art Work) (Level 4) [Ref: 0450].

The last date for assessment leading to the award of the replaced qualification is 31 December 2010.

The replaced qualification Ref: 1268 was developed following a review of the National Certificate in Community Recreation (Level 4) with strands in Community Arts, Countryside Parks, and Urban Parks [Ref: 0451]. The subsequent replacement of Ref: 1268 has impacted on transition originally designed for Ref: 0451. Any existing candidate for that qualification may transfer to this qualification or to the National Certificate in Community Recreation (Community Art Work) (Level 4) [Ref: 0450] or the National Certificate in Community Recreation (Level 3) [Ref: 1289]. The last date for assessment leading to the award of the National Certificate in Community Recreation (Level 4) with strands in Community Arts, Countryside Parks, and Urban Parks [Ref: 0451] remains 31 December 2009.

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 Sfrito 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