

FIELD AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES**Review of *Seafood Vessel Operations* qualifications**

National Certificate in Seafood Vessel Operations (Marine Engineering) (Level 4)
[Ref: 1148]

National Diploma in Seafood Vessel Operations (Marine Engineering) (Level 7)
[Ref: 1149]

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

Date new versions published**January 2009**

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

Summary of review and consultation process

An advisory group consisting of representatives from Maritime New Zealand and prominent fishing companies were invited to participate in the review of standards in the Seafood Vessel Operations domain and these qualifications in May 2008. The purpose of the review was to ensure that the standards and qualifications continued to meet the needs of the industry.

In terms of the qualifications, there were only minor issues identified. The qualifications were updated in keeping with these identified issues and endorsed by the advisory group prior to submission to NZQA.

Main changes resulting from the review

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

- total credit requirements has increased from 233 to 238
- subfield Seafood has been added to the elective
- purpose statement has been updated to replace 'New Zealand Maritime Safety Authority' with 'Maritime New Zealand'
- standards' classifications, titles, and credits have been updated to reflect their review.

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
2722	20613
2723	20597
2724	20599
15677, 15678	20168

National Diploma in Seafood Vessel Operations (Marine Engineering) (Level 7) [Ref: 1149]

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

- expiring standard 16299 has been removed from the qualification
- standard 23026 has been added to the compulsory section
- purpose statement has been updated to replace 'New Zealand Maritime Safety Authority' with 'Maritime New Zealand'
- standards' classifications and titles have been updated to reflect their review.

Transition

People currently enrolled in a programme leading to version 1 of the above qualifications may either complete that version or transfer to version 2.

The last date for assessments to take place for version 1 of the above qualifications is 31 December 2011.

SITO does not intend that any existing candidate be disadvantaged by this review. However, any candidate who feels that they have been disadvantaged by the transition should contact SITO 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