

FIELD AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES**Review of *Floristry* qualifications****National Certificate in Floristry (Level 2) [Ref: 1150]****National Certificate in Floristry (Level 4) with an optional advanced strand [Ref: 1151]**

The New Zealand Horticulture Industry Training Organisation (NZHITO) has completed the review of the qualifications listed above.

Date new versions published**July 2009**

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

Summary of review and consultation process

These two floristry qualifications were due for their first major review, following registration in 2005. NZHITO, in conjunction with the Floristry industry advisory group and consultation with providers, reviewed these qualifications. The main purpose of the review was to determine if the qualifications met current industry requirements.

Main changes resulting from the review

The review resulted in the removal of some compulsory requirements of the qualifications, which for most apprentices have proven difficult to complete, particularly the floriculture component in the florists' workplace. If appropriate the Floriculture and First Aid standards can now be selected as part of the elective component of the qualifications. The elective component also now provides TEOs and employers with the opportunity to customise part of the qualification to suit their particular needs.

National Certificate in Floristry (Level 2) [Ref: 1150]

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 standards 62, 497, 6400, 6401, 6402, and 20699 from the compulsory section.
- Addition of an elective section, where standards can be selected from anywhere on the National Qualifications Framework.

National Certificate in Floristry (Level 4) with an optional advanced strand [Ref: 1151]**National Certificate in Floristry (Level 4) with an optional strand in Advanced [Ref: 1151]**

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Changes to structure and content

- Removal of standards 62, 497, 833, 1786, 1804, 6400, 6401, 6402, and 20699 from the compulsory section of the qualification.
- Addition of an elective section to the qualification, where standards can be selected from anywhere on the National Qualifications Framework.

- Removal of standard 833 from the optional Advanced strand.
- Addition of an elective section to the optional Advanced strand.

Transition

Version 3 of the two qualifications was issued following a review to ensure they were fit for purpose and met industry requirements.

Candidates who are currently enrolled in versions 1 or 2 of the qualifications may either complete the requirements of that version or transfer their results to version 3 of the qualifications. The last date for assessments to take place for versions 1 or 2 of both qualifications is December 2012.

NZHITO intends that no existing candidate is disadvantaged by the review of the qualifications. Any person who feels that they have been disadvantaged should contact NZHITO 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
Category C A new (replacement) qualification is published with new NQF ID	Transition arrangements are required if candidates must gain additional/different credits for the new version
	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
Category D Qualification will expire. There is no replacement qualification	Transition may be limited to phase-out dates
	Qualification is no longer required by industry
	The qualification is designated as expiring and a last date for meeting the qualification requirements is set