

FIELD MANUFACTURING

Review of *Furniture* qualifications

National Certificate in Furniture (Introduction to General Furniture Manufacturing) (Level 2) [Ref: 0009]

National Certificate in Furniture (Manufacturing Upholstery Cutting) (Level 3) [Ref: 0619]

National Certificate in Furniture (Manufacturing Upholstery Sewing) (Level 3) [Ref: 0620]

National Certificate in Furniture (Manufacturing Upholstery) (Level 2) [Ref: 0621]

National Certificate in Furniture (Restoration and Recovery Upholstery) (Level 3) [Ref: 0622]

National Certificate in Furniture (Restoration and Recovery Upholstery) (Level 4) [Ref: 0623]

National Certificate in Furniture Finishing (Level 2) [Ref: 0790]

National Certificate in Furniture Finishing (Level 3) [Ref: 1180]

National Certificate in Furniture Finishing (Level 4) [Ref: 1181]

National Certificate in Furniture Making (Level 3) [Ref: 0965]

National Certificate in Furniture Making (Level 4) [Ref: 0091]

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

Replacement qualifications

National Certificate in Furniture (Level 2) with strands in Introductory Furniture Finishing Skills, Introductory Furniture Making Skills, and Introductory Upholstery Skills [Ref: 1502]

National Certificate in Furniture (Level 3) with strands in Finishing, Machine Operator, Interior Fitments, Free Standing Furniture, Frame Making, Upholstery, Upholstery Cutting, and Upholstery Sewing [Ref: 1503]

National Certificate in Furniture (Level 4) with strands in Furniture Design and Markets, Craft Finisher, Machine Setter, Furniture Maker, Advanced Upholstery, and Computer Numerical Controlled Machinery (CNC) [Ref: 1504]

Date new versions published

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

Summary of review and consultation process

The NZ Furniture Industry Training Organisation merged with the Forest Industries Training and Education Council (FITEC) with effect from 1 January 2007. FITEC now have standard setting responsibility for the furniture industries.

FITEC undertook significant consultation with furniture manufacturers during 2007 to determine future skill requirements of the industry. As a result of this consultation process it was clear that new qualification structures were required by the industry.

A steering committee was convened in February 2007 to establish an overview for suitable qualification structures. Technical Advisory Groups were then established in each key technical area, to work with FITEC on the review and development of unit standards to fit within the new qualification structure. These groups were also used to develop the detailed content of the core skills and specialist strands.

Main changes resulting from the review

The reviewed qualifications have been designated as expiring and have been replaced by three stranded qualifications (one each at levels 2-4). As a result of this review, and the recent review of Furniture unit standards, the replacement qualifications are significantly different from the expiring qualifications.

National Certificate in Furniture (Introduction to General Furniture Manufacturing) (Level 2) [Ref: 0009]

National Certificate in Furniture (Manufacturing Upholstery) (Level 2) [Ref: 0621]

National Certificate in Furniture Finishing (Level 2) [Ref: 0790]

National Certificate in Furniture (Level 2) with strands in Introductory Furniture Finishing Skills, Introductory Furniture Making Skills, and Introductory Upholstery Skills [Ref: 1502]

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Transition

The final date for entry in to programmes of study leading towards any of the replaced qualifications is 31 December 2009. People currently enrolled in programmes of study leading towards any of the replaced qualifications have until 31 December 2013 to complete the assessment requirements for that qualification.

There are substantial differences between the new and replaced qualifications.

The replaced qualifications will continue to be recognised by industry and there is no requirement for existing holders to complete the new qualifications.

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
2187	14348
3151	17740
3153	25523, 25524
3154	25525, 25526
14361	25584
16229	25569
16233	25570

Credit for	Exempt from
18904	25550, 25551

National Certificate in Furniture (Manufacturing Upholstery Cutting) (Level 3) [Ref: 0619]
 National Certificate in Furniture (Manufacturing Upholstery Sewing) (Level 3) [Ref: 0620]
 National Certificate in Furniture (Restoration and Recovery Upholstery) (Level 3) [Ref: 0622]
 National Certificate in Furniture Finishing (Level 3) [Ref: 1180]
 National Certificate in Furniture Making (Level 3) [Ref: 0965]
National Certificate in Furniture (Level 3) with strands in Finishing, Machine Operator, Interior Fitments, Free Standing Furniture, Frame Making, Upholstery, Upholstery Cutting, and Upholstery Sewing [Ref: 1503]

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Credit for	Exempt from
2187	14348, 14349
2190	25576, 25577
2197	14993
2198	25533
3159	25527, 25528
9788	25536, 25537
9793	25538, 25539
14350, 14351	25578, 25579, 25769
14358	25580, 25581
14359	25582

Credit for	Exempt from
14361	25584
14362	25585, 25586, 25587, 25588
14363, 14364	25589, 25590
14984	25765
14999	25547
16233	25570
18904	25550
18908	25552, 25553
20974	25591

National Certificate in Furniture (Restoration and Recovery Upholstery) (Level 4)
[Ref: 0623]

National Certificate in Furniture Finishing (Level 4) [Ref: 1181]

National Certificate in Furniture Making (Level 4) [Ref: 0091]

National Certificate in Furniture (Level 4) with strands in Furniture Design and Markets, Craft Finisher, Machine Setter, Furniture Maker, Advanced Upholstery, and Computer Numerical Controlled Machinery (CNC) [Ref: 1504]

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Transition

The final date for entry in to programmes of study leading towards any of the replaced qualifications is 31 December 2009. People currently enrolled in programmes of study leading towards the National Certificate in Furniture Finishing (Level 4) [Ref: 1181] have until 31 December 2013 to complete the assessment requirements for that qualification. People currently enrolled in programmes of study leading towards either the National Certificate in Furniture (Restoration and Recovery Upholstery) (Level 4) [Ref: 0623] or the National Certificate in Furniture Making (Level 4) [Ref: 0091] have until 31 December 2014 to complete the assessment requirements for that qualification.

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Credit for	Exempt from
2187	14349
2214	25520, 25521, 25522
2251	25534
2253	25535
9794	25540, 25541
9795	25542, 25543
9798	25544, 25545
14350, 14351	25579, 25769
14360	25583
14363, 14364	25589, 25590
14984	25765
14999	25546, 25547
18902	25548
18905	25766
18906	25767

It is anticipated that no existing trainees will be disadvantaged by these transition arrangements. Any person who feels they have been disadvantaged by these transition arrangements should contact FITEC at the address below. Appeals will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

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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