

FIELD ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY**Review of *Electricity Supply* qualifications****National Diploma in Electricity Supply (Level 5) [Ref: 0674]****National Diploma in Electricity Supply (Level 6) [Ref: 0675]**

The Electricity Supply Industry Training Organisation (ESITO) has completed the review of the qualifications listed above.

Date new versions published**November 2009**

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

Summary of review and consultation process

The review was carried out as part of a periodic review cycle. Industry consultation was conducted and feedback indicated that the qualifications were still relevant and no changes were required to the structure or content.

Main changes resulting from the review

No significant changes were made as a result of the review other than amending classification details to reflect the fact that the Management subfield is lapsing.

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Changes to structure and content

- Management subfield replaced with Business Operations and Development subfield in Elective 1.

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- Management subfield replaced with Business Operations and Development subfield in Elective List.

Transition

All existing candidates may either complete the requirements of version 3 of the qualifications or transfer to version 4. The last date for assessments to take place for version 3 of both qualifications is December 2012. If applicable, candidates who wish to complete version 3 of the qualifications will have to ensure that they have been awarded credit for the standards that have been designated expiring from the Management subfield, before they expire.

All new trainees will be enrolled in programmes leading to version 4 of the qualifications.

These qualifications contain classifications that replace earlier classifications. For the purposes of these qualifications people who have gained credit for the standards listed in the lapsing classification are exempt from the requirement to gain credit for the standards in the new classifications – see table below.

Standards from	Are treated as Standards from
Business > Management	Business > Business Operations and Development

It is the intention of ESITO that these transition arrangements are fair, and do not disadvantage any existing candidate. Anyone who thinks that they have been disadvantaged by the transition process should, in the first instance, contact the Electricity Supply Industry Training Organisation 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