

Field Health

Review of *Ambulance* qualification and unit standards

Qualification

Qualification Title	Reference
National Diploma in Ambulance (Paramedic) (Level 6)	0207

Unit Standards

Subfield	Domain	ID
Emergency Services	Ambulance	6226, 6229, 6234, 6235, 6517

The ElectroTechnology Industry Training Organisation (ETITO) has completed the review of the qualification and unit standards listed above.

Date new versions published

November 2009

Summary

The National Diploma in Ambulance (Paramedic) (Level 6) [Ref: 0207] and its component unit standards were overdue for review. Consultation was carried out with the industry including members of Ambulance New Zealand, accredited providers, and national external moderators which indicated that the qualification and unit standards above were no longer required. The sector is discussing national consistency regarding practice levels and alignment with degree study for practice levels above Basic Life Support. As a result, the sector decided that the above qualification and unit standards were no longer required; this was endorsed by Ambulance New Zealand and the industry. Accredited providers were notified of the expiry of the standards and qualification.

Review of *Ambulance* qualification

Main changes

The qualification was designated category D and will expire at the end of December 2012.

National Diploma in Ambulance (Paramedic) (Level 6) [Ref: 0207]

Review category	D	See Key to Qualification Review Categories at the end of report
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Transition

The last date for entry into programmes leading to the award of the qualification is December 2010.

The last date for award of the qualification is 31 December 2012, which coincides with the expiry dates of the National Certificate in Ambulance (Patient Care and Transport) (Level 4) [Ref: 0206] and other unit standards in the Ambulance pathway. It is not intended that anyone be disadvantaged by this review. However, anyone who feels they have been disadvantaged may appeal to the ElectroTechnology 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
	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

Review of *Ambulance* unit standards

Main changes

All unit standards were designated expiring.

Category D unit standards will expire at the end of December 2012

Impact on existing accreditations

Accredited providers can continue to assess against these standards up until December 2012. No new applications for accreditation will be accepted.

Impact on Accreditation and Moderation Action Plan (AMAP)

AMAP 0003 has been updated to remove the reference to the expiring qualification.

Impact on registered qualifications

The only qualification affected by this review has also been designated expiring.

Detailed list of unit standards – classification, title, level, and credits

Key to review category	
A	Dates changed, but no other changes are made - the new version of the standard carries the same ID and a new version number
B	Changes made, but the overall outcome remains the same - the new version of the standard carries the same ID and a new version number
C	Major changes that necessitate the registration of a replacement standard with a new ID
D	Standard will expire and not be replaced

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ID	Title	Level	Credit	Review Category
6226	Administer drugs in ambulance services	6	30	D
6229	Manage acute cardiac events in ambulance services	6	15	D
6234	Treat hypovolaemic shock in ambulance services	6	15	D
6235	Assess patients and initiate paramedic care in ambulance services	6	30	D
6517	Manage life threatening airway and ventilation emergencies in ambulance services	6	30	D