

FIELD COMPUTING AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**Revision of *Computing* qualifications****National Certificate in Computing (Level 2) [Ref: 0010]****National Certificate in Computing (Level 3) [Ref: 0011]**

NZQA National Qualifications Services has revised the qualifications listed above.

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

Reason for the revision

This revision is required to reflect changes following the review of Level 1-3 Computing standards.

Main changes resulting from the revision

The elective requirements were amended to include a minimum of 5 credits at or above the level of the qualification from domains *Business Information Processing* or *Text and Information Management – Generic*.

National Certificate in Computing (Level 2) [Ref: 0010]

Changes to structure and content

- The total credit requirements increased from 40 to 43
- The credit value of the compulsory section decreased from 12 to 6 credits following changes to standard 2780
- Unit 111, *Operate a word processor* was removed from Elective A
- Elective B requirements were amended to a minimum of 5 credits at level 2 or above from domains *Business Information Processing* or *Text and Information Management - Generic*
- Elective C was added allowing for the balance of credits from anywhere on the NQF to meet the requirement for a minimum of 40 credits at level 2 or above.

Transition

People currently working towards version 4 of this qualification can either complete its requirements or transfer their results to version 5.

People choosing to complete version 4 of the qualification have until 31 December 2012 to do so.

National Certificate in Computing (Level 3) [Ref: 0011]

Changes to structure and content

- The total credit requirements decreased from 52 to 46
- The credit value of the compulsory section decreased from 12 to 6 credits following changes to standard 2780

- Unit 112, *Produce information using word processing functions* was removed from Elective A
- Elective B requirements were amended to a minimum of 5 credits at level 3 or above from domains *Business Information Processing* or *Text and Information Management - Generic*
- New Elective C was added allowing for the balance of credits from anywhere on the NQF to meet the requirement for a minimum of 40 credits at level 3 or above.

Transition

People currently working towards version 5 of this qualification can either complete its requirements or transfer their results to version 6.

People choosing to complete version 5 of the qualification have until 31 December 2012 to do so.

It is not intended that any existing candidate be disadvantaged by this revision. However, anyone who feels disadvantaged should contact the standard setter at the address below.

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