

Field Health**Reinstatement of expired *Pharmacy Services* unit standards 9648, 9650, and 9652**

Subfield	Domain	ID
Pharmacy	Pharmacy Services	9648, 9650, 9652

The Pharmacy Industry Training Organisation has reinstated the unit standards listed above. The standards are expiring and have been assigned a new expiry date.

Date new versions published

April 2010

New expiry date

December 2012

Reason for the reinstatement

As part of the review of the National Certificate in Pharmacy (Technician) (Level 5) with strands in Community, and Hospital [Ref: 0423] in 2007, unit standards 9648, and 9652 were designated expiring. Both standards expired in December 2009. However, following a subsequent review of the qualification, it was noted that this expiry date made version 4 of the qualification unachievable even though the last date for assessments to take place for this version of the qualification is 31 December 2012.

As part of the review of the National Certificate in Pharmacy (Assistant) (Level 3) [Ref: 0469] in 2007, unit standard 9650 was designated expiring. This standard expired in December 2009. However, it was noted that this expiry date made version 3 of the qualification unachievable even though the last date for assessments to take place for this version of the qualification is 31 December 2012.

To address this issue, and to avoid disadvantage to candidates completing programmes leading to the award of the qualifications, the ITO has decided to reinstate the unit standards with a new expiry date so that the previous versions referred to above remain achievable until their last date for assessment.

Main changes

- The standards were reinstated and will expire at the end of December 2012.

Impact on existing accreditations

None.

Impact on Accreditation and Moderation Action Plan (AMAP)

None.

Impact on registered qualifications

Version 4 of the National Certificate in Pharmacy (Technician) (Level 5) with strands in Community, and Hospital [Ref: 0423] contains unit standards 9648 and 9652. The last date for assessments to take place for this version of the qualification is 31 December 2012.

Version 3 of the National Certificate in Pharmacy (Assistant) (Level 3) [Ref: 0469] contains unit standard 9650. The last date for assessments to take place for this version of the qualification is 31 December 2012.

List of unit standards showing previous and new expiry dates

Health > Pharmacy > Pharmacy Services

ID	Title	Level	Credit	Previous expiry date	New expiry date
9648	Dispense sterile products under supervision	5	10	31/12/2009	31/12/2012
9650	Apply procedures for handling potentially hazardous goods as a pharmacy assistant	3	2	31/12/2009	31/12/2012
9652	Assist clients to obtain optimal benefit from dispensed medicines	5	25	31/12/2009	31/12/2012