

FIELD ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY**Review of *Electricity Supply* qualification****National Certificate in Electricity Supply (Line Mechanic Distribution Live Work) (Level 5) [Ref: 1119]**

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

Date new versions published**August 2010**

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

Summary of review and consultation process

The review was carried out as part of a periodic review cycle. Industry consultation determined that the qualification still met the requirements of *NZEC 46:2003 Part 1 Glove and Barrier* and *Part 3 Stick* to which it is aligned, and all practices and terminology were still relevant and up-to-date. However, feedback indicated that it could only be achieved by candidates who undertook both glove and barrier and stick work, which was not possible in all workplaces. Industry was invited to participate in a steering group which was convened and endorsed changes to the qualification structure to allow it to be achieved by those undertaking only stick work.

Main changes resulting from the review

The qualification was replaced as the structure was changed from a compulsory set to a core qualification with an optional strand. All glove and barrier standards in the compulsory section were moved to the new optional strand in *Glove and Barrier* up to 33kV.

The core qualification can now be achieved by candidates undertaking live work using stick techniques. For those candidates who complete additional live work using glove and barrier techniques they will now be recognised by the optional strand.

National Certificate in Electricity Supply (Line Mechanic Distribution Live Work) (Level 5) [Ref: 1119]

National Certificate in Electricity Supply (Line Mechanic Distribution Live Work Stick up to 66kV) with an optional strand in Glove and Barrier up to 33kV [Ref: 1580]

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Differences between the qualifications

- The structure of the qualification was changed from a compulsory set to a core qualification with an optional strand
- This replacement qualification has a new title, which reflects the change in structure
- Total credits decreased from 126 to 66 credits
- Level decreased from 5 to 4

- Standards 10537, 10540, and 10541, which were included in the compulsory section of the replaced qualification, have been moved to create the optional strand in Glove and Barrier up to 33kV in this replacement qualification.

Transition

All existing candidates may either complete the requirements of the replaced qualification by 31 December 2012 or transfer to this replacement qualification.

All new trainees will be enrolled in programmes leading to this replacement qualification.

It is not intended that anyone is disadvantaged by this review and the above arrangements have been designed for a smooth transition. However, anyone who feels they have been disadvantaged may appeal to 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
	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