

FIELD AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES**Review of *Equine* qualifications****National Certificate in Equine (Community Coach) (Level 3) [Ref: 0655]****National Certificate in Equine (Grade 1 Coaching) (Level 4) [Ref: 0656]****National Certificate in Equine (RDA Coach) (Level 5) [Ref: 0715]**

The NZ Equine Industry Training Organisation has completed the review of the qualifications listed above.

Replacement qualifications

National Certificate in Equine (Preliminary Coaching) (Level 3) [Ref: 1603]

National Certificate in Equine (Coaching) (Level 4) with strands in Dressage, Showjumping, and Eventing [Ref: 1604]

National Certificate in Equine (RDA Assistant Coach) (Level 3) [Ref: 1605]

National Certificate in Equine (RDA Coach) (Level 5) [Ref: 1606]

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The next qualification review is planned to take place during 2015.

Summary of review and consultation process

The qualifications were reviewed as they had reached their review date, and feedback from industry and moderators had indicated that changes were required to meet industry needs.

Equestrian Coaching Qualifications [Ref: 0655] and [Ref: 0656]

The review process commenced in February 2009 when a meeting was convened with all stakeholders, including equestrian coaches, training, equestrian coaching moderators, Skills Active, Equestrian Sports NZ, the NZ Pony Clubs Association, and the NZ Riding for the Disabled. The aim of the meeting was to determine if there was a need to continue to provide equestrian coaching training. Following extensive discussion, agreement was reached to continue to provide equestrian coaching training, but changes were required to the registered qualifications to meet industry needs. Representatives from the above stakeholder organisations were nominated to become the Equestrian Coaching Review Panel.

The updated qualifications were circulated to all stakeholders including accredited training providers, equestrian coaches, and organisations associated with equestrian coaching for their feedback. The qualifications were endorsed by the Equine ITO Board in March 2010.

NZ Riding for the Disabled Coaches Qualification [Ref: 0715]

The NZRDA coaching qualification review commenced in November 2008 when the national training team and moderators met to review the qualifications and discuss changes that had occurred in the industry since the last review.

A decision was made to split the qualification to reflect the two tier training (Assistant Coach progressing to Coach), and to add new standards to reflect the additional skills required of coaches. The amended qualification structure was circulated to RDA coaches for their feedback during 2008.

In February 2009 the national training team and moderators met again and reviewed the feedback, and amended structure and content of the qualifications. As a result of feedback, additional communications skills were identified for the Assistant Coach qualification.

Final versions of qualifications were endorsed by the NZRDA Board in June 2010.

Main changes resulting from the review

Qualifications were restructured and replaced by four new qualifications with new titles. The content in all replacement qualifications is significantly different to the replaced qualifications.

National Certificate in Equine (Community Coach) (Level 3) [Ref: 0655]

National Certificate in Equine (Preliminary Coaching) (Level 3) [Ref: 1603]

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There are substantial differences between the new and replaced qualifications.

- Standards 1623, 1626, 1650, 6582, and 6584 were included in the replacement qualification.
- Standards 6401 and 6402 were replaced by standards 26551 and 26552.
- Standards 497, 1624, 1648, 1651, 1656, 1660, 6578, 6579, 6580, 6585-6588, 6611, 6612, 6615, 6622, and 16226 were not included in the replacement qualification.
- Standards 1619, 1621, 1661, 6620, 8495, 9705, 11097, 14594, 17593, 23645, 24751, 24753, 25671, 26499 and 26501 were added to the replacement qualification.

Transition

This qualification contains standards that replace earlier standards. For the purposes of this qualification, people who have gained credit for the expiring standards are exempt from the requirement to gain credit for the replacement standards – see table below.

Credit for	Exempt from
6401	26552
6402	26551

People currently enrolled in programmes leading to the award of qualification Ref: 0655, may either complete that qualification, or transfer to the replacement qualification. However, as there are substantial differences between the new and replaced qualification, it is recommended that people complete their existing programme. The start date for programmes or courses for the replacement qualifications is at registration. The last date for entry to programmes or courses for the replaced qualification is 31 December 2011. The last date for assessments to take place for the replaced qualification is 31 December 2013.

National Certificate in Equine (Grade 1 Coaching) (Level 4) [Ref: 0656]
National Certificate in Equine (Coaching) (Level 4) with strands in Dressage, Showjumping, and Eventing [Ref: 1604]

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There are substantial differences between the new and replaced qualifications.

- The replacement qualification includes Dressage, Showjumping, and Eventing strands.
- Standards 6591, 6592, 6613, 6618, 6620, and 6624 were included in the compulsory section of the replacement qualification.
- Standards 6400-6402 were replaced by standards 26551 and 26552.
- Standards 1661, 1663, 6592, 6615, 8495, 9705, 11097, 24751, 24752, 25004, 25442, and 26499 were added to the compulsory section of the replacement qualification.
- Standards 1627 and 1662 from the compulsory section were included in the Dressage strand.
- Standards 6621, 6593, and 6594 from the Elective were included in the strands of the replacement qualification.
- Standard 6600 was added to the Showjumping strand.
- Standards 497, 1277, 1625, 1652, 1653, 1654, 1655, 3501, 6581, 6590, 6595, 6616, 6617, 6619, 15623, 22768, and 22771 were not included in the replacement qualification.

Transition

This qualification contains standards that replace earlier standards. For the purposes of this qualification, people who have gained credit for the expiring standards are exempt from the requirement to gain credit for the replacement standards – see table below.

Credit for	Exempt from
6400	26551, 26552
6401	26552
6402	26551

People currently enrolled in programmes leading to the award of qualification Ref: 0656, may either complete that qualification, or transfer to the replacement qualification. However, as there are substantial differences between the new and replaced qualification, it is recommended that people complete their existing programme. The start date for programmes or courses for the new qualification is at registration. The last date for entry to programmes or courses for the replaced qualification is 31 December 2011. The last date for assessments to take place for the replaced qualification is 31 December 2014.

Ref: 0656 contains standards that have been replaced by later standards. Reverse transition has been included in the qualification, and people can complete the qualification using either expiring standards or replacement standards.

For the purpose of Ref: 0656, people who have gained credit for the replacement standards are exempt from the requirement to gain credit for the expiring standards – see table below.

Credit for	Exempt from
26551	6402
26552	6401
26551, 26552	6400, 6401, 6402

National Certificate in Equine (RDA Coach) (Level 5) [Ref: 0715]

National Certificate in Equine (RDA Assistant Coach) (Level 3) [Ref: 1605]

National Certificate in Equine (RDA Coach) (Level 5) [Ref: 1606]

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Changes to structure and content

- Standards 497, 1277, 1304, 1618, 1648, 1650, 1651, 1656, 1660, 3501, 6579, 6580, 17037, 17040, 19459 and 19945 were included in Ref: 1605.
- Standard 6402 was replaced by standard 26551 in Ref: 1605.
- Standards 1624, 6578, 6611, 6612, 6615, 6622, 17038, and 17041 were included in qualification Ref: 1606.
- Standard 17039 was replaced by standards 26497 in Ref: 1606, and 26498 in Ref: 1605.
- Standards 5361, 6634 and 6582 were not included in either replacement qualification.
- Standards 26496, 26502, 26503 and 26552 were added to Ref: 1605.
- Standards 1619, 1626, 26405 and 26500 were added to Ref: 1606.

Transition

The start date for programmes or courses for the replacement qualifications is at registration. The last date for entry to programmes or courses for the replaced qualification is 31 December 2010. The last date for assessments to take place for the replaced qualification is 31 December 2011.

Ref: 1605 contains standards that replace earlier standards. For the purposes of this qualification, people who have gained credit for the expiring standards are exempt from the requirement to gain credit for the replacement standards – see table below.

Credit for	Exempt from
1305	3501
1654	6580
6400	26551, 26552
6401	26552
6402	26551

Ref: 1606 contains a standard that has been substituted for an earlier standard. For the purposes of this qualification, people who have gained credit for the expiring standard are exempt from the requirement to gain credit for the replacement standard – see table below.

Credit for	Exempt from
1657	6622
17039	26497

It is not intended that anyone be disadvantaged by this review. However, anyone who feels they have been disadvantaged may appeal to the Equine 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