

FIELD AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES**Review of *Horticulture* qualifications**

National Certificate in Horticulture (Arboriculture) with strands in Ground Worker, Consultant Climber, Transplant Worker, Basic Climber, Advanced Climber, and Utility Worker [Ref: 0896]

The New Zealand Horticulture Industry Training Organisation has completed the review of the qualification listed above.

Replacement qualifications

National Certificate in Horticulture (Arboriculture) (Level 3) [Ref: 1533]

National Certificate in Horticulture (Arboriculture) (Level 4) with an optional strand in Advanced [Ref: 1534]

Date new versions published**February 2010**

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

Summary of review and consultation process

NZHITO, in conjunction with the Arboriculture advisory group and industry stakeholders, represented by the New Zealand Arboriculture Association, has recently reviewed the qualification and unit standards for the Arboriculture sector of the horticulture industry. The outcome of the review has been to align the structure of the qualification with other NZHITO qualifications registered on the Framework, resulting in the replacement of the National Certificate in Horticulture (Arboriculture) with strands in Ground Worker, Consultant Climber, Transplant Worker, Basic Climber, Advanced Climber, and Utility Worker [Ref: 0896]. The development of two new qualifications has enabled the ITO to align training outcomes for the arboriculture industry with other sectors of the horticulture industry.

The six strands of the replaced qualification did not reflect roles in the arboriculture industry. For example, as there is no such thing as a job description for a Transplant Worker, the learning outcomes did not reflect roles in the industry. Considerable duplication and overlap existed between each of the six strands.

Main changes resulting from the review

National Certificate in Horticulture (Arboriculture) with strands in Ground Worker, Consultant Climber, Transplant Worker, Basic Climber, Advanced Climber, and Utility Worker [Ref: 0896] replaced by

National Certificate in Horticulture (Arboriculture) (Level 3) [Ref: 1533] and National Certificate in Horticulture (Arboriculture) (Level 4) with an optional strand in Advanced [Ref: 1534]

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Changes to structure and content

- two new qualifications were developed at levels 3 and 4 to replace the existing stranded qualification
- all the standards in the core compulsory except standard 43 were transferred to both of the new qualifications
- standards 2763, 2766, 2767, 2768, 17151, 17256, 17261, 22174, and 22177 from the strands were transferred to the new qualifications along with standard 25399 which replaced standard 17260
- standards 43, 2773, 2774, 2775, 17257, 17258, and 17262 along with standard 25406 which replaced standard 2822 were transferred from the strands to Ref: 1534 only
- standards 829 and 22178 from the strands were transferred to the Advanced Optional Strand in Ref: 1534
- no other standards were transferred to the replacement qualifications
- total credits changed from 48-130 in the replaced qualification to 76 for Ref: 1533 and 149 for Ref: 1534.

Transition

People part way through the National Certificate in Horticulture (Arboriculture) with strands in Ground Worker, Consultant Climber, Transplant Worker, Basic Climber, Advanced Climber, and Utility Worker [Ref: 0896] may either complete that qualification, or transfer existing credit to meet the requirements of the National Certificate in Horticulture (Arboriculture) (Level 3) [Ref: 1533] or National Certificate in Horticulture (Arboriculture) (Level 4) with an optional strand in Advanced [Ref: 1534].

The last date for assessments to take place for the National Certificate in Horticulture (Arboriculture) with strands in Ground Worker, Consultant Climber, Transplant Worker, Basic Climber, Advanced Climber, and Utility Worker [Ref: 0896] is **31 December 2012**.

These new qualifications contain standards that replace earlier standards. For the purposes of these qualifications, 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
14	22174
772	22177, 22178
17260	25399
2822	25406

Reverse transition arrangements were added to Ref: 0896 for standards due to expire before the last date for assessment of the replaced qualification. For the purpose of the expiring qualification, 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
25399	17260
25406	2822

NZHITO intends that no existing candidate be disadvantaged by the introduction of the new qualifications. Any person who feels that they have been disadvantaged by these transition arrangements should contact NZHITO 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
Category C A new (replacement) qualification is published with new NQF ID	Transition arrangements are required if candidates must gain additional/different credits for the new version
	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
Category D Qualification will expire. There is no replacement qualification	Transition may be limited to phase-out dates
	Qualification is no longer required by industry
	The qualification is designated as expiring and a last date for meeting the qualification requirements is set