FIELD MANUFACTURING

Review of *Meat Processing* qualification

National Certificate in Meat Processing (Introductory) with an optional strand in Workplace Safety and Health [Ref: 0932]

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

Date new versions published

February 2010

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

Summary of review and consultation process

The Meat Processing Advisory Group, made up of meat processing companies and some training providers, met in October 2009 to discuss whether the above qualification was still fit for purpose following the review of both the ITO's Meat Processing standards and NZQA's review of the Core Generic standards. Feedback was also sought from assessors and moderators. With the introduction of a number of new standards in the Meat Processing subfield, changes have been made to the compulsory section of the qualification to replace Core Generic standards with industry focused Meat Processing standards. Changes have also been made to the elective section to give candidates a wider choice. Amendments were made to the qualification and it was endorsed by the Meat Processing Advisory Group in November 2009.

Main changes resulting from the review

- Decrease in credit total.
- Removal of Core Generic standards from the compulsory section and the inclusion of Meat Processing standards.
- Removal of standards and domains from the elective section and the inclusion of a wider choice from the Meat Processing subfield.

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Changes to structure and content

- Total credits decreased from 45 to 40.
- Standards 1277, 3501, 4248, 7123 and 9677 have been removed from the compulsory section.
- Standards 24595 and 25030 were added to the compulsory section and standard 20235 was moved from the elective to the compulsory section.
- Standards 168, 2506, 3111, 3112, 12624, 16497, 16498, 16502, 16503, 18766, 20225, 20231 and 21623 were removed from the elective section.
- Standards 17459, 25029, 25035, 25040 and 25842 were added to the elective section.
- Decrease in credit requirements in the elective section from 25 to 24.

- The choice of standards from domains *Fellmongery Processing*, *Meat Processing Petfood*, and *Smallgoods* in the elective section has been replaced with standards from any domain in the *Meat Processing* subfield.
- Standards 2495, 2498, 2517, 4537 and 20238 have been updated to reflect changes made as a result of the Meat Processing standards review.

Transition

People currently working towards version 4 of this qualification may either complete that version or transfer their results to version 5.

The last date for assessment for version 4 is 31 December 2012.

This qualification contains standards that replace or are substitutes for earlier standards. For the purposes of this qualification people who have gained credit for the earlier standards will be exempt from the requirement to gain credit for the replacement or substitute standard – see table below.

Credit for	Exempt from	
16670, 16671	18496	
2479	21160	
2491	21160	
2513	21160	
4514	21160	
4521	21160	
4529	21160	

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 standard setting body at the address below.

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Key to Qualification Review Categories

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
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
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
Qualification is no longer required by industry
The qualification is designated as expiring and a last date for meeting the
qualification requirements is set