

FIELD AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES**Revision of *Aquaculture* qualifications****National Certificate in Aquaculture (Diving) (Level 4) [Ref: 1210]****National Certificate in Aquaculture (Farm Management of Single-seed Pacific Oysters) (Level 4) [Ref: 1456]****National Certificate in Aquaculture (Caged Fish Farming) (Level 3) [Ref: 1460]****National Certificate in Aquaculture (Freshwater Fish Farming) (Level 3) [Ref: 1461]**

The Seafood Industry Training Organisation has revised the qualifications listed above.

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The next qualification review is planned to take place during 2013.

Reason for the revision

At the review of the Aquaculture Diving standards in July 2009, it was noted that the Best Practice Guidelines were in need of review. From the discussion at this standard review, it was identified that there was potential for development of new Aquaculture Diving standards in terms of compliance and other changes in the industry. Part of the discussion outlined the need for Aquaculture Diving to stand alone as it was deemed a distinctive subset from the Aquaculture domain within the Seafood industry, as well as a more strategic decision in terms of training in the Aquaculture sector.

To coincide with the registration of the Aquaculture Diving domain, it was deemed timely to revise the affected qualifications. The revisions consist of adding the Aquaculture Diving domain to the elective sections of the listed qualifications.

Main changes resulting from the revision

The qualifications were amended to account for the registration of the Aquaculture Diving domain, and the review and reclassification of standards to that domain.

National Certificate in Aquaculture (Diving) (Level 4) [Ref: 1210]**National Certificate in Aquaculture Diving (Level 4) [Ref: 1210]****Changes to structure and content**

- The qualification was reclassified in the Aquaculture Diving domain and the title updated accordingly.
- The standards specified in the Elective were replaced by the Aquaculture Diving domain in which they now sit. This is to ensure new Aquaculture Diving standards are available to candidates when they are registered, without needing to revise the qualification.

National Certificate in Aquaculture (Farm Management of Single-seed Pacific Oysters) (Level 4) [Ref: 1456]**Changes to structure and content**

- The Aquaculture Diving domain was added to Elective 2.

National Certificate in Aquaculture (Caged Fish Farming) (Level 3) [Ref: 1460]

Changes to structure and content

- The Aquaculture Diving domain was added to the Elective.

National Certificate in Aquaculture (Freshwater Fish Farming) (Level 3) [Ref: 1461]

Changes to structure and content

- The Aquaculture Diving domain was added to the Elective.

Transition

Candidates currently working towards version 1 of these qualifications may either complete the requirements for that version or transfer to version 2. All new candidates for these qualifications will be enrolled onto version 2.

The last date for assessment for version 1 of the National Certificate in Aquaculture (Diving) (Level 4) [Ref: 1210] is 31 December 2011.

It is not intended that anyone be disadvantaged by this revision, and the above arrangements have been designed for a smooth transition. However, anyone who feels they have been disadvantaged may appeal to the Seafood Industry Training Organisation at the address below.

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