

FIELD ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY**Review of *Electricity Supply* qualification****National Certificate in Electricity Supply (Field Switcher) (Level 4) [Ref: 1117]**

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

Date new versions published**January 2010**

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

Summary of review and consultation process

The review was carried out as part of a periodic review cycle. Industry consultation determined that Field Switchers were employed by different sectors and while the qualification still broadly covered the knowledge and skills required by these sectors, some skills were not required by all Field Switchers and some additional skills were only required by Field Switchers in specific sectors. The qualification has subsequently been restructured to meet the needs of industry and to meet the requirements of a Level 4 qualification.

Main changes resulting from the review

Optional strands were added to reflect the skill sets of specific sectors employing Field Switchers. Some compulsory standards were moved to these strands and some standards were added to the compulsory section. An elective requirement was also added to ensure the qualification met the requirements of a Level 4 certificate.

National Certificate in Electricity Supply (Field Switcher) (Level 4) [Ref: 1117]

National Certificate in Electricity Supply (Field Switcher) (Level 4) with optional strands in Distribution Networks, Transmission Networks, and Operational and Co-ordination Planning [Ref: 1117]

Review category	B	See Key to Qualification Review Categories at the end of report
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Changes to structure and content

- Total credits increased from 74 to 84 credits
- The structure of the qualification was changed from a compulsory set to compulsory and elective sections, and optional strands
- Standards 10526 and 12295 were moved to the Distribution Networks Optional Strand
- Standard 20094 was moved to the Transmission Networks Optional Strand
- Standard 16280 was moved to the Operational and Co-ordination Planning Optional Strand
- Standards 14287, 17602, and 19324 were added to the compulsory section
- Standard 10509 was added to the Distribution Networks Optional Strand
- Standard 14701 was added to the Transmission Networks Optional Strand
- Standards 16276, 16285, 19477, and 19481 were added to the Operational and Co-ordination Planning Optional Strand.

Transition

All existing candidates must transfer to version 3.

All new trainees will be enrolled in programmes leading to version 3 of the qualification.

It is the intention of ESITO that these transition arrangements are fair, and do not disadvantage any existing candidate. Anyone who thinks that they have been disadvantaged by the transition process should, in the first instance, contact 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
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