

FIELD HEALTH**Revision and Review of *Occupational Health and Safety* qualifications**

National Certificate in Occupational Health and Safety (Workplace Safety) (Level 1)
[Ref: 1111]

National Certificate in Occupational Health and Safety (Workplace Safety) (Level 3)
[Ref: 0801]

The New Zealand Industry Training Organisation has completed the revision and review of the qualifications listed above.

Date new versions published**January 2010**

The next qualification reviews are planned to take place during 2013 and 2014.

Summary of revision and review consultation process

The Occupational Health and Safety Advisory Group, made up of industry and training provider representatives, met to discuss changes to the qualifications listed above. Feedback from assessors and moderators was also taken into consideration.

Changes were required to update the qualifications following review of some of the unit standards and to make the qualifications more accessible for people to use. All changes were endorsed by the Occupational Health and Safety Advisory Group in October.

Main changes resulting from the revision

The National Certificate in Occupational Health and Safety (Workplace Safety) (Level 1) only required minor changes following the review of some standards included in the compulsory section of the qualification.

National Certificate in Occupational Health and Safety (Workplace Safety) (Level 1)
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Changes to structure and content

- Expiring standard 2977 has been removed from the compulsory section.
- Credits for standards 3483 and 3490 have been amended following their review.

Transition

People part way through version 3 of this qualification may choose to complete that version by 31 December 2012 or transfer to version 4.

Main changes resulting from the review

The National Certificate in Occupational Health and Safety (Workplace Safety) (Level 3) required more substantial changes. Standards from the domain *Workplace Health and Safety Management* covering drug abuse management have been specified within the elective. The balance set has been broadened to enable candidates to make more use of generic skills from biosecurity and security, particularly for those working in the building and construction, agriculture, horticulture, equine, dairy, meat processing and seafood industries.

National Certificate in Occupational Health and Safety (Workplace Safety) (Level 3) [Ref: 0801]

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Changes to structure and content

- Credit total has decreased from 52 to 50.
- Standards 22316, 22317 and 22318 have been specified within Elective A.
- The *Communication Skills* subfield has been removed from, and the *Law and Security* and *Planning and Construction* fields have been added to, Elective B.
- Subfields and domains for all the fields in Elective B are no longer specified.

Transition

People part way through version 4 of this qualification may choose to complete that version or transfer to version 5.

Anyone who feels disadvantaged by these transition arrangements should contact the New Zealand 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