

FIELD CORE GENERIC**Review of *Supported Learning* qualification****National Certificate in Work and Community Skills [Ref: 0853]**

The NZQA National Qualifications Services has completed the review of the qualification listed above.

Date new version published

January 2010

Planned review date

December 2013

Summary of review and consultation process

This review was conducted as part of National Qualification Services scheduled review cycle.

This review was announced widely to stakeholder organisations, and included an invitation to take part in the review. An expert panel was convened to conduct the review of the unit standards and qualification. Panel members consisted of representation from Institutes of Technology and Polytechnics, Secondary Schools, Private Training Establishments and the NZ Council of Trade Unions. The review involved two panel meetings held in June and August of 2008.

Main changes resulting from the review

The qualification was restructured for greater focus on numeracy and communication skills.

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

- Elective A was split into three electives, which cover numeracy skills, communication skills, and other skills from the *Supported Learning - Work and Community Skills* domain.
- The Numeracy and Communication electives now specify particular standards from which to choose, rather than the *Supported Learning - Work and Community Skills* domain only.

Transition

People currently working towards version 2 may choose to complete that version or transfer their results to version 3.

The final date for entry into version 2 of this qualification is 31 December 2010. The final date for assessments to take place for version 2 is 31 December 2012.

It is not intended that anyone be disadvantaged by this revision. People who wish to seek advice or feel disadvantaged by these transition arrangements are advised to contact National Qualifications Services 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