

**Field                      Manufacturing**

**Review of *Furniture Making* qualification**

**National Certificate in Furniture (Level 3) with strands in Finishing, Machine Operator, Free Standing Furniture, Frame Making, Upholstery, Upholstery Cutting, and Upholstery Sewing [Ref: 1503]**

The Forest Industries Training and Education Council has completed the review of the above qualification.

**Date new version published**

**July 2010**

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

**Summary of review and consultation process**

This qualification was reviewed in response to feedback from workplace assessors and the Furniture Sector Operating Committee. Changes were approved by the Sector Operating Committee.

**Main changes resulting from the review**

The structure of the core of the qualification has been changed in response to feedback from the Furniture Sector Operating Committee that standard 21502 was difficult for trainees to achieve in some worksites. The Free Standing Furniture strand has been renamed as it was no longer suitable following the removal of the Interior Fitment strand.

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**Changes to structure and content**

- Core Compulsory set was replaced by Core Elective 1, standards 21332 and 21333 were added, and credits were reduced from 11 to 10 credits.
- Core Elective set was renamed Core Elective 2 and the credits increased from 8 to 9.
- The Free Standing Furniture strand was renamed Furniture Making.
- Details of standard 10851 updated to reflect review.

**Transition**

Candidates enrolled in version 2 of this qualification can choose to complete that version or transfer their existing achievements to version 3. Candidates have until December 2013 to complete version 2 of the qualification. All new candidates will be enrolled into version 3 of the qualification.

## Key to Qualification Review Categories

<b>Category A</b> 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
<b>Category B</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
<b>Category C</b> 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
<b>Category D</b> 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