

FIELD ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY**Revision of *Gas Network Operations* qualifications****National Certificate in Gas Network Operations (Leakage Control) (Level 3)****[Ref: 0400]****National Certificate in Gas Network Operations (Level 3) with optional strands in Operations and Maintenance; and Field Auditing [Ref: 1328]**

The NZ Extractive Industries Training Organisation (EXITO) 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

The qualifications were updated to take account of changes made to standards in the Gas Network Construction, Petrochemical Cathodic Protection, and Petrochemical Product Transmission and Transfer reviews.

Main changes resulting from the revision

- Reviewed standards, credit tables, special notes, transition arrangements, prerequisite and pathways diagrams were updated.

National Certificate in Gas Network Operations (Leakage Control) (Level 3)**[Ref: 0400]****Changes to structure and content**

- expiring compulsory standard 10985 was replaced by standard 25608;
- standard 25610 was added to the compulsory section as it is recommended for entry to standard 10980;
- standard 25611 was added to the compulsory section as it is prerequisite for entry to standard 25608;
- classifications, titles, levels and credits of reviewed standards were updated;
- total credits increased from 97 to 114; and
- the prerequisite and pathways diagrams were updated.

Transition

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

People working towards version 5 or 6 of the qualification may complete the requirements of that version or transfer to version 7. The last date for assessments to take place for versions 5 or 6 is December 2012. People currently working toward version 3 or 4 of the qualification may either complete the requirements for that version by December 2010 or transfer existing credits to version 7.

This qualification contains standards that replace earlier standards. For the purposes of this qualification, people who have gained credit for the expiring standards are exempt from the requirement to gain credit for the replacement standards – see table below.

Credit for	Exempt from
10971	19546
10973	19547
12499, 12500	19552

National Certificate in Gas Network Operations (Level 3) with optional strands in Operations and Maintenance; and Field Auditing [Ref: 1328]

National Certificate in Gas Network Operations (Level 3) with optional strands in Operations and Maintenance, and Field Auditing [Ref: 1328]

Changes to structure and content

- expiring standard 10985, in the Operations and Maintenance Optional Strand, was replaced by standard 25608;
- standard 25610 was added to the Operations and Maintenance Optional Strand as it is recommended for entry to standard 10980;
- standard 25611 was added to the Operations and Maintenance Optional Strand as it is prerequisite for entry to standard 25608;
- classifications, titles, levels, and credits of reviewed standards were updated;
- credits for the Operations and Maintenance Optional Strand increased from 72 to 89; and
- the prerequisite and pathways diagrams were updated.

Transition

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

People working towards version 1 of the qualification may complete the requirements of that version or transfer to this version. The last date for assessments to take place for version 1 is December 2012. People currently working towards either the National Certificate in Gas Network Operations (Operations and Maintenance) (Level 3) [Ref: 0885] or the National Certificate in Gas Network Operations (Gas Pressure Control) [Ref: 1021] may either complete the requirements for that qualification by 31 December 2010 or transfer existing credits to version 2 of this qualification.

This qualification contains standards that replace earlier standards. For the purposes of this qualification, people who have gained credit for the expiring standards are exempt from the requirement to gain credit for the replacement standards – see table below.

Credit for	Exempt from
9573, 9574	20590
10971	19546
10973	19547
12499, 12500	19552
12453, 12454	23084
12508	19551
12511, 12514	19555
12512, 12515	19560
12513, 12516	19557
19553	23088

It is not intended that anyone is 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:

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