

FIELD BUSINESS**Review of *Public Sector Services* qualification****National Certificate in Public Sector Services (Official Statistics) [Ref: 1283]**

Learning State has completed the review of the qualification above.

Date new version published **July 2010**

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

Summary of review and consultation process

The National Certificate in Public Sector Services (Official Statistics) was reviewed to take into account changes made to standards in the Public Sector Core Skills domain which are included in the qualification.

Learning State and Statistics New Zealand met to review the National Certificate in Public Sector Services (Official Statistics) and the associated standards after stakeholder feedback indicated that the standards were not fit for purpose.

As a result of amendments to the standards, changes were made to the qualification as detailed below.

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Changes to structure and content:

- The elective section was removed.
- The newly developed standard 25440 has been added to the Compulsory section of the qualification.
- The level of the qualification increased from 4 to 5.
- The level of standards 23268 and 23270 increased from 4 to 5.

Transition

Candidates may either complete the requirements for version 1 or transfer to version 2.

The last date for assessment of version 1 is 31 December 2011.

All new candidates will be enrolled in programmes leading to version 2 of the qualification.

Programmes leading to the award of version 2 of the qualification can begin upon registration of this version.

It is not intended that anyone is disadvantaged by this review and the above arrangements have been designed for a smooth transition. Anyone who feels they have been disadvantaged may appeal to:

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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