

FIELD MANUFACTURING**Review of *Wood Fibre Manufacturing* qualifications**

National Certificate in Wood Fibre Manufacturing (Level 3) with strands in Composite Panel Preparation, Composite Panel Forming and Pressing, Composite Panel Finishing, Mechanical Pulping Operations, Pulp and Paper Dry End Operations, Pulp and Paper Wet End Operations, and Overlay Bonding Operations [Ref: 1309]

National Certificate in Wood Fibre Manufacturing (Advanced) (Level 4) with strands in Composite Panel Manufacturing, Paper Making, Mechanical Pulp Making, and Overlay Bonding [Ref: 1310].

The Forest Industries Training and Education Council (FITEC) has completed the review of the qualifications listed above.

New qualifications

National Certificate in Wood Fibre Manufacturing (Pulp and Paper) (Level 3) with strands in Mechanical Pulping, Pulp and Paper Dry End, and Pulp and Paper Wet End [Ref: 1572]

National Certificate in Wood Fibre Manufacturing (Pulp and Paper) (Level 4) with strands in Paper Making, and Mechanical Pulp Making [Ref: 1573].

Date new versions published**July 2010**

The next qualification review is planned to take place during 2015.

Summary of review and consultation process

The review of the Wood Fibre Manufacturing qualifications [Ref: 1309] and [Ref: 1310] was conducted in consultation with the Pulp and Paper Sector Committee, which represents 100% of the pulp and paper sector. This consultation indicated that the standards in the core compulsory sections were not applicable to people working in the Pulp and Paper industry, making it difficult for them to complete the qualification. It was agreed to remove the strands relating to Pulp and Paper from the Wood Fibre Manufacturing qualifications and develop two new qualifications specifically for this sector.

As a result of the review, the Wood Panels sector was also consulted to confirm the qualifications relating to their sector were still fit for purpose.

Main changes resulting from the review

The Pulp and Paper strands have been removed from the Wood Fibre Manufacturing qualifications and two new qualifications have been developed. The titles of the two existing qualifications have been amended to reflect the removal of the pulp and paper strands.

National Certificate in Wood Fibre Manufacturing (Level 3) with strands in Composite Panel Preparation, Composite Panel Forming and Pressing, Composite Panel Finishing, Mechanical Pulping Operations, Pulp and Paper Dry End Operations, Pulp and Paper Wet End Operations, and Overlay Bonding Operations [Ref: 1309]

National Certificate in Wood Fibre Manufacturing (Wood Panels) (Level 3) with strands in Composite Panel Preparation, Composite Panel Forming and Pressing, Composite Panel Finishing, and Overlay Bonding Operations [Ref: 1309]

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Changes to structure and content

- The Mechanical Pulping Operations, Pulp and Paper Dry End Operations, and Wet End Operations strands were removed.
- The title was amended to include the descriptor Wood Panels.
- Expiring standards 708, 710, 7067, 7069-7072, and 17044 were removed from the qualification.

Transition

People working towards version 2 of this qualification may either complete the requirements for that version or transfer their results to version 3. The last date for entry to training programmes or courses for version 2 is December 2011. People currently enrolled in programmes of study leading to the award of the previous version have until 31 December 2013 to complete the assessment requirements for that version. It is recommended that people working towards the pulp and paper strands transfer to the National Certificate in Wood Fibre Manufacturing (Pulp and Paper) (Level 3) with strands in Mechanical Pulping, Pulp and Paper Dry End, and Pulp and Paper Wet End [Ref: 1572].

People who are considering transition from version 2 to version 3 of this qualification, or to the National Certificate in Wood Fibre Manufacturing (Pulp and Paper) (Level 3) with strands in Mechanical Pulping, Pulp and Paper Dry End, and Pulp and Paper Wet End [Ref: 1572], should contact their training provider or FITEC at the address below for further advice.

National Certificate in Wood Fibre Manufacturing (Advanced) (Level 4) with strands in Composite Panel Manufacturing, Paper Making, Mechanical Pulp Making, and Overlay Bonding [Ref: 1310]

National Certificate in Wood Fibre Manufacturing (Wood Panels) (Level 4) with strands in Composite Panel Manufacturing, and Overlay Bonding [Ref: 1310]

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Changes to structure and content

- The Paper Making and Mechanical Pulp Making strands were removed.
- The title was amended to include the descriptor Wood Panels.
- Standard 701 was moved to the core compulsory.
- Expiring standard 16341 was removed from the qualification.

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It is anticipated that no existing trainees will be disadvantaged by these transition arrangements. Any person who feels they have been disadvantaged by these transition arrangements should contact FITEC at the address below. Appeals will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

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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