

## FIELD                    AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES

### Review of *Equine* qualifications

**National Certificate in Equine (Introductory Skills) (Level 2) [Ref: 0215]**  
**National Certificate in Equine (Level 4) with strands in Breeding, Harness Racing, Sporthorse, and Thoroughbred Racing [Ref: 0216]**  
**National Certificate in Equine (Thoroughbred Breeding) (Level 4) [Ref: 1070]**  
**National Certificate in Equine (Stable Practice) (Level 3) with strands in Harness Racing, Sporthorse, Thoroughbred Racing, and Track Riding [Ref: 0654]**  
**National Certificate in Equine (Racing Stable Management) (Level 4) [Ref: 0794]**

The Equine Industry Training Organisation has completed the review of the qualifications listed above.

### New qualification

**National Certificate in Equine (Care and Handling) (Level 3) [Ref: 1540]**

### Replacement qualifications

**National Certificate in Equine (Racing Stable Management) (Level 4) [Ref: 0794]**  
 was replaced by the Harness Racing and Thoroughbred Racing strands in  
**National Certificate in Equine (Stable Management) with strands in Harness Racing, Thoroughbred Racing, and Breeding [Ref: 1541]**

The Breeding strand in

**National Certificate in Equine (Level 4) with strands in Breeding, Harness Racing, Sporthorse, and Thoroughbred Racing [Ref: 0216]**

was replaced by

**National Certificate in Equine (Breeding) (Level 3) [Ref: 1542]**

and the Breeding strand in

**National Certificate in Equine (Stable Management) with strands in Harness Racing, Thoroughbred Racing, and Breeding [Ref: 1541]**

### Date new versions published

**March 2010**

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

### Summary of review and consultation process

The qualification consultation process began in 2008 following the unit standard review.

A review panel made up of industry sector representatives and other relevant stakeholders was convened to discuss changes that had occurred in their sectors and changes likely to happen in the future that could have an affect on qualifications' content. Qualifications were discussed and changes were suggested to their structure and content to reflect current and future requirements of industry sectors.

Training providers, Industry Sector CEOs, and wider industry stakeholders were informed of the review and invited to forward their suggestions for changes or additions. Industry Sector Organisations consulted directly with employers and trainees to obtain input.

Feedback from consultation was collated and presented to the qualifications review panel for their consideration. Changes to qualifications structure and content were made where these were considered valid.

Industry sector CEOs then had further opportunity to comment on the amended drafts to ensure they met their sector needs.

The NZ Equine Education Trust, being the industry's predominant provider of off-job training had a major input into the restructuring of the qualifications. These changes were intended to provide greater flexibility and stair-casing opportunities for trainees.

The wider range of electives within the reviewed qualifications will help to ensure that trainees entering industry training are given immediate recognition of industry and core generic standards achieved while at school.

The final versions of qualifications were presented to the Equine ITO Board for final consideration and sign off early in 2009.

### **Main changes resulting from the review**

- The National Certificate in Equine (Care and Handling) (Level 3) [Ref: 1540] was developed to support individual owners who own, agist and train horses to supply the equine industry.
- The National Certificate in Equine (Racing Stable Management) (Level 4) [Ref: 0794] was replaced by the Harness Racing and Thoroughbred Racing strands in the National Certificate in Equine (Stable Management) [Ref: 1541].
- The Breeding strand in the National Certificate in Equine (Level 4) [Ref: 0216] was replaced by the National Certificate in Equine (Breeding) (Level 3) [Ref: 1542], and the Breeding strand in the National Certificate in Equine (Stable Management) [Ref: 1541].
- Titles of Refs: 0216 and 0654 were amended to reflect changes to strands.
- New elective sections were added.
- Unit standards were updated as a result of unit standard reviews.
- Unit standards were added to, and removed from, qualifications to reflect current and future industry requirements.

National Certificate in Equine (Introductory Skills) (Level 2) [Ref: 0215]

**National Certificate in Equine (Introductory Stable Skills) (Level 2) [Ref: 0215]**

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Changes to structure and content

- The title descriptor was changed from 'Introductory Skills' to 'Introductory Stable Skills'.
- The overall credit requirement decreased from 73 to 70.
- The credit requirement for the Compulsory reduced from 48 to 9.
- The credit requirement for Elective 1 increased from 23 to 36.
- The credit requirement for Elective 2 increased from 2 to 25.
- Standards 1623, 1624, 1648, 1650, 1656, 1658, 1660, 6579, 6612, 6622, 19945 from the Compulsory were moved to Elective 1.
- Standards 64 and 497 remain in the Compulsory, and standards 10780 and 12383 were added.

- Standard 1651 was removed from the Compulsory.
- Standards 14594, 23973, and 25003 were added to Elective 1.
- Standards 524, 12348, 12353 and 12357 were removed from Elective 1.
- Standards 496, 504, 525, 548, 1277, 1293, 1294, 2780, 3501, 3503, 12349, 12355 were moved from Elective 1 to Elective 2.
- Standard 1618 was moved from Elective 2 to Elective 1.
- Standards 101, 1304, 1978, 4249, 7123, 8811, 8817, 9707, 10781, 12883, 24704, 24709, 90058, 90060 were added to Elective 2.
- Standards 1596, 1603, and 1640 were removed from Elective 2.

## Transition

This qualification contains standards that replace and standards that have been substituted for 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
503	12349
545	12355
1305	3501
1657	6622

All existing candidates may complete version 4 of this qualification or transfer their existing achievements to version 5.

Programmes or courses for version 5 may begin upon registration. The last date for entry to programmes or courses for version 4 is 31 December 2011. The last date for assessments to take place for version 4 is 31 December 2012.

National Certificate in Equine (Level 4) with strands in Breeding, Harness Racing, Sporthorse, and Thoroughbred Racing [Ref: 0216]

**National Certificate in Equine (Level 4) with strands in Sporthorse Stable Attendant, Harness Racing, Sporthorse Competitor, and Jockey [Ref: 0216]**

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## Changes to structure and content

- The title was amended to reflect the changes to strands and strand names.
- Total qualification credits were increased from 141-163 to 165-222.
- The Breeding strand was replaced by the National Certificate in Equine (Breeding) (Level 3) [Ref: 1542], and the Breeding strand of the National Certificate in Equine (Stable Management) with strands in Harness Racing, Thoroughbred Racing, and Breeding [Ref: 1541].
- The Sporthorse Stable Attendant strand was added.
- Core Elective 2 was replaced by a common elective (the Equine Common List).
- Strand electives were added.

## **Compulsory**

- The Compulsory was renamed Core Compulsory.
- The credit requirement increased from 57 to 83.
- Standards 1636, 6580, 14594, 23973, 25003, 25004, and 25443 were added.
- Standard 17593 was substituted for standard 497.
- Standards 1624 and 1652 were moved to the Equine Common List.
- Standard 19949 was moved from the Thoroughbred Racing strand.
- Standard 1652 was removed.

## **Core Elective 1**

- Core Elective 1 was renamed Core Elective.
- The credit requirement decreased from 16 to 10.
- Standards 1293, 3503, 4261, 9707, 17624, 17625, 21639, 24704, 24709 were added.
- Standards 524, 2780, 12353, and 12556 were removed.
- Standard 64 was moved from Core Elective 1 to the Core Compulsory.
- Standard 12627 was moved to the Jockey Compulsory.

## **Core Elective 2**

- Core Elective 2 was replaced by elective sections in each of the strands. The standards used to meet the strand electives now come from the Equine Common List, from which candidates can choose standards that best fit with their sector's requirements.
- The credit requirement changed from a balance rule to 10-40 depending on the strand.
- Standard 6611 was moved to the Core Compulsory.
- Standards 1618, 1633, and 6617 were moved to the Equine Common List.
- Standard 6612 was moved to the Sporthorse Competitor Compulsory, the Sporthorse Stable Attendant Compulsory, and the Equine Common list.
- Standard 6620 was moved to the Equine Common List and the Sporthorse Stable Attendant Compulsory.
- Standards 1597, 1619, 1622, 1623, 1624, 1661, 1662, 1655, 6582, 6583, 6587, 6601, 6612, 6613, 6615, 6618, 6621, 6623, 12546, 12529, 14590, 19459, 19460, 19461, 19945, 19946, 19947, 19948, 20884, 22355, 22916, 23644, 23645, 23972, 23974, 23975, 25442, and 25444 were added to the Equine Common List.

## **Breeding Strand**

- The Breeding strand in this qualification was replaced by the National Certificate in Equine (Breeding) (Level 3) [Ref: 1542], and the Breeding strand in National Certificate in Equine (Stable Management) [Ref: 1541].
- There are substantial differences between the new qualifications [Refs: 1541 and 1542] and this qualification with the Breeding strand. The Equine ITO is not aware of any candidates who intend to complete the Breeding strand in the National Certificate in Equine [Ref: 0216]. However, if there are any existing candidates, they should complete version 4 of Ref: 0216 by the last date of assessment (given below), or contact the ITO at the address given at the end of this report.

## **Sporthorse Stable Attendant**

- A new strand titled Sporthorse Stable Attendant was added.

### **Harness Racing Strand**

- The strand was restructured to include a Compulsory and two Electives.
- The credit requirement for the strand increased from 59 to 112. The credit requirement for the qualification with the strand increased from 145 to 205.
- Standards 1597, 19459, 19460, 19461, and 19945 were moved to the Equine Common List.
- Standard 1655 was moved to Harness Racing strand Elective 1 and the Equine Common List.
- Standards 1599, 1633, 23969, 23970, 23971, 24303, 24304, and 25444 were added to Harness Racing Elective 1.
- Standard 1601 was moved from the Harness Racing Compulsory to Harness Racing Elective 1.
- Standard 20523 was removed from the Harness Racing Compulsory, but can be used to meet the requirements of the Jockey Compulsory.
- Standard 20619 was removed.

### **Sporthorse Strand**

- The Sporthorse strand was renamed Sporthorse Competitor.
- The strand was restructured to include a Compulsory and two Electives.
- The credit requirement for the strand increased from 56 to 82. The credit requirement for the qualification with the strand increased from 142 to 175.
- Standards 1624, 1652, 6584, 6612, 24754, and 25979 were added to the Sporthorse Compulsory.
- Standard 1662 was moved to the Sporthorse Stable Attendant strand and the Equine Common List.
- Standards 1618 and 1619 were moved to the Equine Common List.

### **Thoroughbred Racing Strand**

- The Thoroughbred Racing strand was renamed Jockey.
- The strand was restructured to include a Compulsory and an Elective.
- The credit requirement for the strand increased from 55 to 129. The credit requirement for the qualification with the strand increased from 141 to 222.
- Standards 1618, 1619, 1662 and 19945 were moved to the Equine Common List.
- Standard 19949 was moved to the Core Compulsory.
- Standards 12627, 22354, 22356-22358, 22360, 23970, 24891, 25441, and 25444 were added to the Compulsory.
- Standard 15623 was removed.

### **Transition**

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

<b>Credit for</b>	<b>Exempt from</b>
11, 36, 37	19460
561	19459

Credit for	Exempt from
1655	19949

All existing candidates may either complete version 4 or transfer to version 5. The last date for entry to version 4 is 31 December 2011. Programmes or courses leading to the version 5 may begin upon registration. The last date to meet the assessment requirements of version 4 is December 2014.

National Certificate in Equine (Stable Practice) (Level 3) with strands in Harness Racing, Sporthorse, Thoroughbred Racing, and Track Riding [Ref: 0654]

**National Certificate in Equine (Stable Procedures) (Level 3) with strands in Harness Racing Stable Assistant, Sporthorse Stable Assistant, Thoroughbred Racing Stable Assistant, and Thoroughbred Racing Track Rider [Ref: 0654]**

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Changes to structure and content

- Strand names were changed, and as a result the title of the qualification was also changed.
- Total qualification credits decreased from 110-120 to 95-106.
- The Common Elective was added.

### Compulsory

- The Compulsory was renamed Core Compulsory.
- Standards 14594, 17593, 23973, 25003, and 25443 were added.
- Standard 64 was moved from the Elective.
- Standards 497, 1651, 1652, 6578, 19460, were removed.
- Standards 1624, 6612, 6613, 6617, 19459, and 19461 were moved to the Common Elective.

### Core Elective

- Credit requirement was reduced from 14 to 6.
- Standards 3503, 4261, 9707, 24704, 24709 were added.
- Standards 524, 1294, 2780, and 12353 were removed.
- Standard 64 was moved to the Core Compulsory.

### Harness Racing strand

- The Harness Racing strand was renamed Harness Racing Stable Attendant.
- An elective was added.
- The credit requirement was increased from 27 to 34.
- Standards 23971 and 25444 were added.
- Standards 1598 and 20523 were removed.
- Standard 19945 was moved to the Common Elective.

### **Sporthorse strand**

- The Sporthorse strand was renamed Sporthorse Stable Assistant.
- An elective was added.
- The credit requirement was increased from 19 to 35.
- Standard 1662 was removed.
- Standards 1618, 1624, 6623, and 14590 were moved to the Common Elective.
- Standards 6612, 25754, and 25979 were added.

### **Thoroughbred Racing strand**

- The Thoroughbred Racing strand was renamed Thoroughbred Racing Stable Assistant.
- An elective was added.
- The credit requirement was increased from 26 to 34.
- Standards 14590 and 19945 were moved to the Common Elective.
- Standards 24891 and 25444 were added.
- Standard 1662 was removed.

### **Track Riding strand**

- The Track Riding strand was renamed Thoroughbred Racing Track Rider.
- An elective was added.
- The credit requirement was increased from 29 to 45.
- Standard 19945 was moved to the Common Elective.
- Standards 1618 and 1619 were moved to the Common Elective.
- Standards 1631, 22354, 22356, 22357, 22360, and 25444 were added.
- Standard 1662 was removed.

### **Common Elective**

- Standards 1618, 1619, 1623, 1624, 6582, 6612, 6613, 6617, 6623, 14590, 19459, 19461, 19945, 20884, 23645, 23972, 23974 and 25444 were added.

### **Transition**

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

<b>Credit for</b>	<b>Exempt from</b>
545	12355
1305	3501
1654	6580
1655	19949

All existing candidates may complete version 2 of this qualification or transfer their existing achievements to version 3. Programmes or courses leading to version 3 may begin upon registration. The last date for entry to programmes or courses for version 2 is 31 December 2011. The last date for assessments to take place for version 2 is 31 December 2014.

National Certificate in Equine (Racing Stable Management) (Level 4) [Ref: 0794] *was replaced by the Harness Racing and Thoroughbred Racing strands in the National Certificate in Equine (Stable Management) with strands in Harness Racing, Thoroughbred Racing, and Breeding [Ref: 1541]*

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Differences between replaced and new qualification

- The credit requirement increased from 140 to 170.
- An Elective was added.
- The replacement qualification was stranded to include Harness Racing and Thoroughbred Racing strands.
- Standards 1651, 1652, 1654, 1655, 1659, 1661, 6578, and 6613 were included in the Core Compulsory.
- Standards 6619, 6624, 14590, 23972 and 25444 were added to the Core Compulsory.
- Standards 327, 328, 1988, 9707, 15189, and 20078 were included in the Core Elective.
- Standards 17625, 21335, 21395 and 23394 were added to the Core Elective.
- Standards 1633 and 20523 were included in the Harness Racing Elective.
- Standards 1597, 1598, 1600, 1653, 1663, 6615, 23970, 23971, 23974, 23975, 24303, and 24304 were added to the Harness Racing Elective.
- Standards 1626, 1631, 1633, 1662, 17706, 17707 and 20523 were included in the Thoroughbred Racing Elective.
- Standards 1653, 1663, 6615, 23970, 23974, 23975, and 24891 were added to the Thoroughbred Racing Elective.
- Standards 1296, 2780, 5941, 16611, 17497, and 18336 were not included.

## Transition

People currently working towards the replaced qualification may either complete its requirements by 31 December 2012, or transfer their results to Ref: 1541. The last for entry to programmes or courses leading to Ref: 0794 is December 2011. Programmes or courses leading to version 1 of 1541 may start upon registration.

National Certificate in Equine (Thoroughbred Breeding) (Level 4) [Ref: 1070]  
**National Certificate in Equine (Breeding) (Level 4) [Ref: 1070]**

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Changes to structure and content

- The title descriptor was changed from 'Thoroughbred Breeding' to 'Breeding'.
- Two electives were added.
- Standards 6578, 17593, 23645 and 23972 were added to the Compulsory.
- Standard 19043 in the Compulsory was replaced by standard 24552 in Elective 1, and standard 19056 in the Compulsory was replaced by standards 24553, and 24554 in Elective 1.
- Standards 1632, 1650, 1658, 6612, 6617, 12355, 14590, 19459, 19460, and 19461 were moved from the Compulsory to Elective 1.
- Standards 64, 1602, 1643, 3503, 6613, 19946, 19947, 23644, 23973, 23974, 24704, 24709, 25003, 25004, and 25444, were added to Elective 1.
- Standard 17706 was moved from the Compulsory section to Elective 2



- Standard 24303 was added to Elective 2.
- Standards 497, 524, 548, and 3501 were removed from the Compulsory.
- Total qualification credits increased from 145 to 160.

## Transition

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
19043	24552
19056	24553, 24554

All existing candidates may complete version 1 of this qualification or transfer their results to version 2. Programmes or courses leading to version 2 may begin upon registration. The last date for entry to programmes or courses for version 1 is 31 December 2011.

The last date for assessments to take place for version 1 is 31 December 2012.

It is anticipated that no existing candidates are disadvantaged by these transition arrangements. However, candidates may appeal in the first instance to NZ Equine Industry Training Organisation, which will consider any appeal on a case by case basis.

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## 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