

FIELD EDUCATION

Review of *Adult Education and Training* qualifications

National Certificate in Adult Education and Training (Level 4) [Ref: 0378]

National Certificate in Adult Education and Training (Level 5) [Ref: 0379]

National Diploma in Adult Education and Training (Level 5) [Ref: 0380]

NZQA National Qualifications Services has completed the review of the qualifications listed above.

Replacement qualification

National Diploma in Adult Education and Training (Level 6) [Ref: 1549]

Date new versions published

May 2010

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

Summary of review and consultation process

These three qualifications were due for review as the last review was conducted in 2003.

This review was conducted in two stages: the first stage involved an advisory group from the sector that identified issues impacting on the qualifications and made recommendations for the second stage which involved consideration of the recommendation by a panel of stakeholders. Both groups were made up of assessors, moderators, and representatives from accredited Māori Education Providers, Institutes of Technology and Polytechnics (ITPs), Private Training Enterprises (PTEs), and Government Training Enterprises (GTEs) encompassing both education and workplace training.

Both the advisory group and the review panel noted that there was significant achievement reported against the two National Certificates but low achievement reported against the National Diploma. They recommended that the level of the diploma be raised from Level 5 to Level 6 to indicate more explicitly the progression through the qualifications and provide a career pathway for adult education and training professionals.

The reviewed qualifications were sent out for wider consultation to providers that had recorded results against the three qualifications as well as other stakeholders that had expressed an interest in being part of the consultation process. These groups endorsed the changes made by the panel.

Main changes resulting from the review

- The two national certificates were stranded and the compulsory sections were removed.
- The level 5 national diploma was replaced by a level 6 national diploma.

- An exemption to allow for all versions of standard 7114 to count as level 5 to meet the requirements of version 2 of the National Diploma in Adult Education and Training (Level 5) [Ref: 0380] was introduced. Similarly, transition arrangements were introduced for version 2 of the replaced national diploma to enable existing candidates to use credit from standards in the new Open, Flexible, and Networked Learning domain to count as credit for the expired Open and Distance Learning domain. This type of transition is called 'reverse transition' and it was included to ensure the qualification remains achievable.

National Certificate in Adult Education and Training (Level 4) [Ref: 0378]
National Certificate in Adult Education and Training (Level 4) [Ref: 0378] with strands in New Zealand Environment, and International Environment

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Changes to structure and content

- qualification was stranded to allow for application in New Zealand and International environments and the compulsory section was removed
- Electives 1 and 2 were replaced by Core Electives 1 and 2 respectively; the balance set from Elective 2 was included as Core Elective 3
- standard 7091 (from the compulsory section) was included in the New Zealand Environment strand and new standard 26009 was added to form the International Environment strand
- credit requirements for Core Elective 1 and Core Elective 2 were reduced from 16 to 8 and from 20 to 18 respectively
- the Assessment of Learning domain from Elective 1 was included in Core Elective 2
- the Adult Literacy and Numeracy Education; Delivery of Adult Education and Training; Design and Development of Adult Education and Training; Evaluation in Adult Education and Training; and Open, Flexible and Networked Learning domains were specified in Core Elective 2, replacing the Adult Education and Training subfield from Elective 2
- the Te Mātauranga Māori Whāiti domain was added to Core Elective 2
- the Open and Distance Learning domain was replaced by the Open, Flexible, and Networked Learning Domain in Core Elective 1.

Transition

This qualification contains a classification that replaces an earlier classification. For the purposes of this qualification, people who have gained credit for standards in the expired classification may continue to use those credits to meet the qualification requirements – see table below.

Standards from	Are treated as Standards from
Education > Generic Education and Training > Open and Distance Learning	Education > Generic Education and Training > Open, Flexible, and Networked Learning

People currently enrolled in programmes leading to version 4 of this qualification may either complete that version or transfer to version 5. The last date for assessments to take place for version 4 of this qualification is December 2012.

National Certificate in Adult Education and Training (Level 5) [Ref: 0379]
National Certificate in Adult Education and Training (Level 5) [Ref: 0379] with strands in New Zealand Environment, and International Environment

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Changes to structure and content

- qualification was stranded to allow for application in New Zealand or International environments
- standard 7091 (from the compulsory section) was included in the New Zealand Environment strand and new standard 26009 was added to form the International Environment strand
- the Elective was replaced by the Core Elective which is divided into Groups A, B, and C
- credit requirements for Group A were reduced from 22 to 18; these 18 credits were divided amongst three domains (listed in Sets 1, 2, and 3)
- the Adult Education and Training subfield was removed from, and the Adult Literacy and Numeracy Education domain was added to, Group B
- credit requirements for Group B were reduced from 34 credits to a maximum of 12 credits, if required; these 12 credits may only come from the Adult Literacy and Numeracy Education domain
- a balance set, Group C, was added to the qualification and includes standards from the Te Mātauranga Māori me te Whakangungu subfield and the Management of Adult Education and Training; Assessment of Learning (moved from Groups A and B); and Open, Flexible, and Networked Learning domains (the latter replaced the Open and Distance Learning domain from Groups A and B).

Transition

This qualification contains a classification that replaces an earlier classification. For the purposes of this qualification, people who have gained credit for standards in the expired classification may continue to use those credits to meet the qualification requirements – see table below.

Standards from	Are treated as Standards from
Education > Generic Education and Training > Open and Distance Learning	Education > Generic Education and Training > Open, Flexible, and Networked Learning

People currently enrolled in programmes leading to version 2 of this qualification may either complete that version or transfer to version 3. The last date for assessments to take place for version 2 of this qualification is December 2012.

National Diploma in Adult Education and Training (Level 5) [Ref: 0380]
National Diploma in Adult Education and Training (Level 6) [Ref: 1549]

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Summary of differences between qualifications

- qualification was established at Level 6 to provide a clear progression for adult education and training professionals
- the Te Mātauranga Māori me te Whakangungu subfield was included in the requirements of Elective 1
- all domains for the subfields listed in Elective 1 were included.

Transition

The National Diploma in Adult Education and Training (Level 6) [Ref: 1549] contains a classification that replaces an earlier classification. For the purposes of this qualification, people who have gained credit for standards in the expired classification may continue to use those credits to meet the qualification requirements – see table below.

Standards from	Are treated as Standards from
Education > Generic Education and Training > Open and Distance Learning	Education > Generic Education and Training > Open, Flexible, and Networked Learning

People currently working towards version 2 of the replaced level 5 qualification may complete that version or transfer their results to the National Diploma (Level 6) [Ref: 1549]. The last date for assessments to take place for the replaced qualification is December 2013. To enable people to complete that qualification:

- an exemption to allow all versions of standard 7114 to count as level 5 to meet the requirements of the replaced qualification was introduced
- reverse transition to allow candidates to use credit from new Open, Flexible, and Networked Learning domain to count as credit towards expired Open and Distance Learning domain was introduced for the replaced qualification.

Reverse transition for [Ref: 0380]

For the purposes of the National Diploma in Adult Education and Training (Level 5) [Ref: 0380], all versions of standard 7114 will count as level 5 to meet the requirements of this qualification – see table below.

Credit for	Exempt from Classification	Level	Credit
7114	Education > Adult Education and Training > Delivery of Adult Education and Training	5	8

Version 2 of the National Diploma in Adult Education and Training (Level 5) [Ref: 0380] contained a classification that expired and was replaced by another classification. For the purposes of this qualification people who have gained credit for standards in the replacement classification may use those credits to meet the qualification requirements – see table below.

Standards from	Are treated as Standards from
Education > Generic Education and Training > Open, Flexible, and Networked Learning	Education > Generic Education and Training > Open and Distance Learning

It is not intended that any existing candidate be disadvantaged by this review. However, anyone who feels disadvantaged should contact the standard setter at:

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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