

**FIELD                    AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES****Review of *Sports Turf Management* qualification****National Diploma in Sports Turf Management (Level 6) [Ref: 1272]**

The New Zealand Sports Turf Industry Training Organisation (NZSTITO) has completed the review of the qualification listed above.

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

**Summary of review and consultation process**

The qualification was reviewed due to the introduction of a new qualification, the National Certificate in Sports Turf (Level 5) [Ref: 1558] in 2010, and changes to Massey University papers which were available through credit transfer arrangements.

The National Certificate in Sports Turf (Level 5) [Ref: 1558] was developed to create an effective qualifications pathway from the National Certificate in Sports Turf Management (Level 4) [Ref: 0203] as industry representatives had indicated a need for a Level 5 qualification for people wishing to work in management positions in the sports turf industry. The review of this qualification considered whether there was still a need for a Level 6 diploma in this qualification pathway.

Also, Massey University had indicated that they would no longer offer Bachelor of Applied Science turf papers, which were available through credit transfer arrangements towards award of this qualification. As a result of that change the credit transfer arrangements in the qualification needed to be updated.

Industry representatives were consulted at the end of 2009 by questionnaire survey to confirm the ongoing need for this qualification, and to seek their feedback on any changes that were required to meet the future needs of industry. The questionnaire survey was sent to all workplace assessors/employers, sector representatives, past graduates, current trainees, and potential trainees who had completed the National Certificate in Sports Turf Management (Level 4) [Ref: 0203].

The results of that consultation confirmed that there was still a need for a level 6 Diploma qualification in sports turf management.

From late 2009, NZSTITO was actively engaged in discussions with Massey University to develop a shared path forward where NZSTITO could offer trainees a realistic learning pathway towards award of the qualification, and, following that, to develop a Memorandum of Understanding. As a result trainees now have the option of completing a Massey University Graduate Certificate in Science and Technology, after completing this qualification.

## Main changes resulting from the review

The purpose statement was updated with an explanation of the relationship between this qualification and the National Certificate in Sports Turf (Level 5) [Ref: 1558]. Progressions following completion of this qualification were clarified and, as a result, generic business qualifications were included in the educational pathway information. Massey University Bachelor of Applied Science turf papers were removed from credit transfer arrangements and additional relevant Bachelor of AgriScience, Bachelor of AgriCommerce, and Graduate Certificate in Science and Technology papers were added.

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#### Changes to structure and content

- The prerequisite entry requirement that candidates must hold the National Certificate in Sports Turf Management (Level 4) [Ref: 0203] was removed.
- Elective 2 was updated to reflect classification changes.
- Bachelor of Applied Science turf papers were removed from credit transfer arrangements but can still contribute to an exemption from Elective 2 credits through transition arrangements.
- Relevant Bachelor of AgriScience, Bachelor of AgriCommerce, and Graduate Certificate in Science and Technology papers offered by Massey University were added to credit transfer arrangements.

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
4269	21446
4271	21447
4275	21450
4279	21451

This qualification contains classifications that replace earlier classifications. For the purposes of version 2 of this qualification, people who have gained credit for standards in the expiring (lapsing) classifications may continue to use those credits to meet the qualification requirements – see table below.

Standards from	Are treated as Standards from
Business > Management	Business > Business Operations and Development
Engineering and Technology > Highway Construction and Maintenance > Temporary Traffic Management	Engineering and Technology > Infrastructure Works > Temporary Traffic Management
Health > Health Studies > Core Health	Community and Social Services > Health, Disability, and Aged Support > Core Health

## Non-Directory of Assessment Standards Transition Arrangements

Candidates for this qualification may claim exemptions from Elective 2 credits from the Sports Turf subfield if they have completed any of the Massey University Bachelor of Applied Science papers specified below.

Name	Code
Introduction to Turf	119.205
Sports Turf Management	119.305
Landscape and Leisure Business Management 1	171.265
Landscape and Leisure Business Management 2	171.362

The New Zealand Sports Turf Industry Training Organisation (NZSTITO) will verify results before applications are sent to NZQA for processing.

Exemptions will apply only for the purposes of award of the qualification and will not appear on the Record of Achievement.

The exemptions must be applied for on the application form in the Appendix to the qualification and should be reported as part of the normal reporting of results. The current NZQA credit fee will apply. That fee must be paid before the application is processed.

A maximum of 40 credits can be claimed as a transfer of credits from Massey University papers towards Elective 2 of this qualification.

One paper = 15 credits  
 Two papers = 30 credits  
 Three papers = 40 credits

Credit for	Exempt from		
	Credits	Level	Classification
<i>Paper</i>			
15 credit paper at 200 or 300 level for Massey University Bachelor of Applied Science	15	5 or above	Sports Turf

It is the intention of NZSTITO that no existing candidate is disadvantaged by these transition arrangements. Any person who considers they have been disadvantaged is requested to contact NZSTITO at the address below.

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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