

FIELD COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES**Review of *Career Practice* qualifications****National Certificate in Career Practice (Level 3) [Ref: 0427]****National Certificate in Career Practice (Level 4) [Ref: 0428]****National Diploma in Career Practice (Level 6) with optional strands in Counselling, Education, Management, and Research and Development [Ref: 0429]**

Learning State Limited has completed the review of the qualifications listed above.

New qualifications**National Certificate in Career Practice (Level 4) [Ref: 1586]****National Certificate in Career Practice (Level 5) [Ref: 1587]****National Diploma in Career Practice (Level 6) [Ref: 1588]****Date new versions published****October 2010**

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

Summary of review and consultation process

Consultation with and feedback from Career Services, career practice professional organisations and associations including Career Practitioners Association of New Zealand (CAPNZ) and Careers and Transition Educators Association (Aotearoa LTD) (CATE); career practice professionals, tertiary institutions, organisations with consent to assess and workplace assessors were incorporated into the review process. The review identified that the existing qualifications were no longer fit for purpose and did not meet the needs of industry. Subsequently three new qualifications have been developed. Submissions from industry were taken into account during the review process and other stakeholders were contacted to review drafts of the new qualifications.

The structure of the new qualifications took into account changes made to the unit standards that were re-registered in 2009 resulting from a fit for purpose review.

Main changes resulting from the review

- The three reviewed qualifications have been designated D category and will expire without being replaced.
- Three new qualifications have been developed.

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Transition

Learning State is not aware of any candidates currently enrolled in these qualifications. The final date for assessment to take place for the expiring qualifications is 31 December 2011.

All new candidates will be signed into training programmes leading to the award of the new qualifications.

Candidates who feel they have been disadvantaged by the review of the *Career Practice* qualifications can contact:

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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