

FIELD AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES**Review of *Seafood Vessel Operations* qualifications**

National Certificate in Seafood Vessel Operations (Fishing Technology) [Ref: 1152]
National Certificate in Seafood Vessel Operations (Nautical Skills) [Ref: 1153]

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

Date new versions published

October 2010

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

Summary of review and consultation process

Many of the unit standards in the Seafood Vessel Operations domain were due for review in 2009 and therefore these qualifications were reviewed at the same time. An advisory group, which included industry experts, assessors, training provider representatives, and other relevant stakeholders, met in August 2009 and 2010 to review these qualifications.

The advisory group noted that the structure of Ref: 1152 did not cover the specialist skill sets required of the crew on seafood vessels. As a result, this qualification was replaced with a newly developed qualification. The replacement qualification includes a compulsory section and three strands to meet industry requirements.

Also, the advisory group reported that Ref: 1153 continued to meet the requirements of the industry and therefore no changes were made to the qualification.

Main changes resulting from the review

National Certificate in Seafood Vessel Operations (Fishing Technology) [Ref: 1152]
National Certificate in Seafood Vessel Operations (Level 3) with strands in Net Making, Rescue Boat Operation, and Crane Operation [Ref: 1593]

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There are significant differences between the replaced and replacement qualifications.

Standards 15676, 17902, 17903, 19438, 19439, 19467, and 19468 which are included in the replaced qualification can be used to meet the requirements of the strands in the replacement qualification.

Transition

People currently working towards versions 1 or 2 of the replaced qualification may either complete the requirements for those versions or transfer the credits they have achieved to the replacement qualification. The last date for assessments to take place for versions 1 and 2 of the replaced qualification is 31 December 2012. All new trainees will be enrolled in programmes leading to the replacement qualification.

National Certificate in Seafood Vessel Operations (Nautical Skills) [Ref: 1153]

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Version 2 was issued following review. The credit value for standard 12304 was updated from 8 to 10, the level of standard 12310 was updated from Level 2 to Level 3, and the credit table was updated. The titles of standards 12309 and 12310 were updated to reflect changes made at review. There were no other changes made to the content or the structure of the qualification.

Transition

There are no transition consequences as a result of this review. All new candidates will be enrolled in programmes or courses leading to the award of version 2.

It is not intended that anyone be disadvantaged by this review. However, anyone who feels they have been disadvantaged may appeal to the Seafood ITO at the address below.

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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