

FIELD ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY**Revision of *Gas Network Operations* qualification****National Certificate in Gas Network Operations (Operations and Maintenance)
(Level 3) [Ref: 0885]**

The NZ Extractive Industries Training Organisation (EXITO) has revised versions 3-5 of the qualification listed above. Versions 3-5 are superseded versions of the qualification that have a last date for assessment of 31 December 2010.

Date new versions published**October 2010****Reason for the revision**

Version 5 of the qualification was replaced by the National Certificate in Gas Network Operations (Level 3) with optional strands in Operations and Maintenance; and Field Auditing [Ref: 1328] in October 2007. At that time, it was envisaged that existing candidates would be able to complete their programmes and be awarded the version of the qualification in which they were enrolled. However, the expiry of unit standards has created issues for some candidates.

The qualification has therefore been amended to enable a cohort of candidates to complete the requirements of versions 3-5 of the qualification. Versions 3-5 included standards 12522 and 19553, which expired in December 2008. The outcome of standard 23088, which replaced standards 12522 and 19553, is acceptable to EXITO as an alternative.

Main changes resulting from the revision

A credit exemption table was added, allowing for exemptions from expired standards in versions 3-5 of the qualification.

Changes to structure and content

- Credit exemption table included for expired standards 12522 and 19553.

Transition

This transition has been included to ensure that all candidates currently enrolled in versions 3-5 of the qualification are able to complete the requirements of that version if they wish to. Candidates must complete standard 23088 by 31 December 2010.

The last date to meet the requirements of versions 3-5 of the qualification is 31 December 2010.

Versions 3-5 of the qualification contain expired standards that have been replaced. For the purposes of these versions of the qualification, people who have gained credit for the replacement standard are exempt from the requirement to gain credit for the replaced standards – see table below.

Credit for	Exempt from
23088	12522, 19553

No candidate will be disadvantaged by the changes made to the qualification.