

FIELD COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES**Review of *Community Recreation* qualification****National Certificate in Community Recreation (Aquatics) (Level 3) [Ref: 0937]****National Certificate in Community Recreation (Aquatics) (Level 4) [Ref: 0938]**

Skills Active Aotearoa Limited has completed the review of the qualifications listed above.

Replacement qualification

National Certificate in Recreation and Sport (Aquatics) (Level 3) with strands in Pool Lifeguard, Swim Education, and Pool Operations [Ref: 1697]

Date new version published

August 2011

The next qualification review is planned to take place during 2013.

Summary of review and consultation process

The Skills Active Aotearoa Limited review of this qualification has incorporated a scheduled review of the National Pool Life Guard Award (NPLA) and standards with the New Zealand Recreation Association and the wider aquatics sector.

The review process has also involved the unit standards that currently form the Assistant Swim Teacher Award (ASTA). These have now been reviewed, and the swim education sector has endorsed their inclusion in an NZQF qualification that aligns to local qualifications, thereby creating a national standard.

The review has also provided a vehicle to support those working in the aquatics operations sector whose specific skills are currently unrecognised by a qualification.

Main changes resulting from the review

The reviewed Ref: 0937 which contained a Compulsory and one Elective section has been replaced with a new qualification Ref: 1697 to reflect identified needs and practices within the aquatics industry. The new qualification Ref: 1697 includes strands in Pool Lifeguard, Swim Education, and Pool Operations to reflect the range of different core skills required in an aquatic facility. Ref: 0938 has been designated expiring due to low usage.

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There are substantial differences between the replaced and replacement qualifications. However, both qualifications share standards 1304, 4864, 7016, 7018, 9681, 13377, 20046, 22779, 25980, 25980, 25981 and 25982.

Transition

All new trainees will be enrolled in programmes leading to the award of the new qualification. Trainees currently enrolled in programmes or courses leading to the award of the replaced qualification may either complete its requirements by 31 December 2013 or transfer to the new qualification.

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
59, 60	11831
5683	27540
5684	27541
5685	27542
5686	27543
5692, 5693	25980
6400, 6401, 6402	26551, 26552
14470, 14471	25412
14472	25411
16252	20046
18339	25981

National Certificate in Community Recreation (Aquatics) (Level 4) [Ref: 0938]

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This qualification is expiring and will not be replaced. The last date to meet the requirements of this qualification is 31 December 2013.

It is not intended that anyone be disadvantaged by this review, and the above arrangements have been designed for a smooth transition. However, anyone who feels they have been disadvantaged may appeal to Skills Active Aotearoa Limited 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