

**FIELD                      MANUFACTURING****Review of *Printing* qualifications**

**National Certificate in Printing (Printing - Reel-fed) (Level 4) with strands in Offset, Letterpress, Flexographic, and Gravure [Ref: 0664]**

**National Certificate in Printing (Printing - Sheet-fed: Offset) (Level 4) [Ref: 0041]**

The Communications and Media Industry Training Organisation (CMITO) has completed the review of the above qualifications.

**Replacement qualification**

**National Certificate in Printing (Printing - Reel-Fed) (Level 4) [Ref: 1617]**

**Date new versions published**

**February 2011**

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

**Summary of review and consultation process**

Consultation meetings were held between industry representatives from the Reel-fed and Sheet-fed printing sectors, and members of CMITO, to discuss the changes required to the qualifications.

The requirements of the National Certificate in Printing (Printing - Sheet-Fed: Offset) (Level 4) [Ref: 0041] were updated.

The National Certificate in Printing (Printing - Reel-Fed) (Level 4) with strands in Offset, Letterpress, Flexographic, and Gravure [Ref: 0664] was replaced by a new 'unstranded' qualification: National Certificate in Printing (Printing - Reel-Fed) (Level 4) [Ref: 1617].

**Main changes resulting from the review**

National Certificate in Printing (Printing - Sheet-fed: Offset) (Level 4) [Ref: 0041]

**National Certificate in Printing (Printing - Sheet-Fed: Offset) (Level 4) [Ref: 0041]**

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**Changes to structure and content**

- the title of the qualification was amended
- credit total was decreased from 70 to 65
- expiring standards 354 and 3714 were removed from the qualification
- expiring standard 3715 was replaced by standard 26320
- title and credit of standard 20057 was updated to reflect changes made at review
- standard 26729 was added to the qualification.

All new trainees will be enrolled in training programmes leading to the award of version 5 of the qualification. Trainees currently working towards an earlier version of this qualification may either complete the requirements for that version or transfer their results to version 5 of the qualification under the guidance of the Communications and Media Industry Training Organisation (CMITO).

Trainees intending to complete versions 1, 2 or 3 of the qualification must have already achieved Unit 339, *Demonstrate knowledge of costing, production planning and supervisory principles for printing*. Those trainees who have not achieved this expired standard must transfer their results to versions 4 or 5 of the qualification under the guidance of CMITO.

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 standard – see table below.

Credit for	Exempt from
339	20057
3715	26320

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The National Certificate in Printing (Printing - Reel-Fed) (Level 4) [Ref: 1617] replaced the National Certificate in Printing (Printing - Reel-fed) (Level 4) with strands in Offset, Letterpress, Flexographic, and Gravure [Ref: 0664].

Differences between the new and replaced qualifications

- the new qualification consists of a Compulsory section and does not include strands
- the Compulsory section of the new qualification includes standards 2256 and 20057 from the Compulsory section of the replaced qualification (title and credit of standard 20057 were updated to reflect changes made at review)
- the Compulsory section of the new qualification also includes standard 26313, which replaces expiring standards 2279, 16518, 16519, 16520 and 16521 (these were in the Compulsory section and strands of the replaced qualification). An exemption is included for all of these replaced standards to provide portability of credit, so that candidates that have gained credit for the expiring standards are exempt from the requirement to gain credit for the replacement standard
- standard 2257 from the Offset Strand of the replaced qualification is not included in the new qualification
- standard 26729 is included in the new qualification.

All new trainees will be enrolled in programmes leading to the new qualification. Trainees currently enrolled in programmes leading to the replaced qualification may either complete its requirements by 31 December 2015, or transfer to the new qualification under the guidance of the Communications and Media Industry Training Organisation (CMITO).

This qualification contains a standard that replaced 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 standard – see table below.

Credit for	Exempt from
2279, 16518, 16519, 16520, 16521	26313

It is anticipated that no existing trainees are disadvantaged by any of the above transition arrangements. Any person who feels disadvantaged by these arrangements is invited to contact the CMITO 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