

FIELD AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES**Review of *Seafood* and *Aquaculture* qualifications**

National Certificate in Seafood (Level 3) with optional strands in Aquaculture, and Processing [Ref: 0906]

National Certificate in Seafood (Level 4) with optional strands in Aquaculture, and Processing [Ref: 0854]

National Certificate in Aquaculture (Level 4) [Ref: 1417]

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

Replacement qualifications

National Certificate in Aquaculture (Level 3) [Ref: 1620]

National Certificate in Seafood Processing with strands in Basic Processing Skills, and Intermediate Processing Skills [Ref: 1621]

National Certificate in Seafood Processing (Advanced Processing Skills) [Ref: 1622]

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

Summary of review and consultation process

The qualifications were reviewed by advisory groups from the Aquaculture and Seafood Processing sectors. The advisory groups included assessors, representatives from providers who deliver training programmes that lead to award of the qualifications, industry experts, and employers.

The advisory groups recommended replacing the two national certificates in Seafood (Q0854 and Q0906) with smaller, sector-specific qualifications because the size of the qualifications was a barrier to completion. Also, because of the significant flexibility of the qualifications, the skill sets of successful candidates varied greatly.

Replacement qualifications were then developed and the final versions of these qualifications were endorsed by the advisory groups.

The National Certificate in Aquaculture (Level 4) [Ref: 1417] was also reviewed to better reflect industry and training requirements.

Main changes resulting from the review

The two national certificates in Seafood (Q0854 and Q0906) were designated as expiring and replaced with three newly developed qualifications. The National Certificate in Aquaculture (Level 4) [Ref: 1417] was also reviewed to better reflect industry and training requirements.

National Certificate in Seafood (Level 3) with optional strands in Aquaculture, and Processing [Ref: 0906]

National Certificate in Aquaculture (Level 3) [Ref: 1620]

National Certificate in Seafood Processing with strands in Basic Processing Skills, and Intermediate Processing Skills [Ref: 1621]

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Main changes

There are substantial differences between the replaced qualification and replacement qualifications.

The credit total has reduced from 90 credits to 40 credits for Ref: 1620 and to a range of 43-62 credits for Ref: 1621.

The replacement qualifications specify standards, whereas the replaced qualification allowed candidates to choose standards from domains in the *Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries* and *Māori* fields.

Transition

People currently enrolled in programmes leading to the award of version 2 of the National Certificate in Seafood (Level 3) with optional strands in Aquaculture, and Processing [Ref: 0906] may either complete that version by December 2014, or transfer to the National Certificate in Aquaculture (Level 3) [Ref: 1620] or the National Certificate in Seafood Processing with strands in Basic Processing Skills, and Intermediate Processing Skills [Ref: 1621]; under the guidance of the Seafood ITO.

National Certificate in Seafood (Level 4) with optional strands in Aquaculture, and Processing [Ref: 0854]

National Certificate in Seafood Processing (Advanced Processing Skills) [Ref: 1622]

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Main changes

There are substantial differences between the replaced and replacement qualifications.

The credit total has reduced from 120 to 40 credits to better reflect industry requirements and realistic training timeframes.

The replacement qualification specifies standards, whereas the replaced qualification allowed candidates to choose standards from domains from the *Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries* field.

Transition

People currently enrolled in programmes leading to the award of version 3 of the National Certificate in Seafood (Level 4) with optional strands in Aquaculture, and Processing [Ref: 0854] may either complete that version by December 2014, or transfer to the National Certificate in Seafood Processing (Advanced Processing Skills) [Ref: 1622] under the guidance of the Seafood ITO.

National Certificate in Aquaculture (Level 4) [Ref: 1417]

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Changes to structure and content

- The structure of the qualification was updated from two elective sections to a Compulsory and an Elective section.
- The credit total of the qualification decreased from 60 to 40 credits.
- Standards 18487, 18488, 19217, 19219, 19220, 19774, 20308, 21952, 21953, 23646, and 23647 are no longer specified in the qualification but are included in the Aquaculture and Aquaculture Diving domains from which candidates can choose standards in the Elective section.
- Standards 19218 and 19773 were retained and included in the new Compulsory section of the qualification.

Transition

People currently enrolled in programmes leading to the award of version 1 of this qualification may either complete that version by December 2013 or transfer to version 2 of the qualification.

It is not intended that any existing candidates are disadvantaged by this review. However, anyone who feels that they have been disadvantaged should contact the standard setter at the address below.

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Key to Qualification Review Categories

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| 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 |