

FIELD SERVICE SECTOR**Revision of *Cleaning and Caretaking* qualification****National Certificate in Cleaning and Caretaking (Level 2) with strands in Commercial Cleaning, and Health Care Facilities [Ref: 0214]**

The Building Service Contractors Industry Training Organisation (BSCITO) has revised the qualification listed above.

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The next qualification review is planned to take place during 2012.

Reason for the revision

During 2008 and 2009, BSCITO received requests from assessors and training managers to update the content of the qualification as there was potential for candidates to complete the qualification with the Commercial Cleaning strand without selecting standards related to the cleaning and caretaking industry. Assessors and training managers suggested that the Commercial Cleaning Strand should be split into two sets of Electives which were more specific in nature: one Elective set for cleaning and caretaking standards which would require candidates to have a core set of cleaning and caretaking skills; and one Elective set where candidates could choose to complete the entire qualification with skills and knowledge in cleaning and caretaking if they wished to, but that would also include other classifications from other relevant areas relating to candidates' workplace and/or personal needs.

Main changes resulting from the revision**Changes to structure and content**

- The Commercial Cleaning Strand was amended and consists of two elective sets: Elective 1 and Elective 2. Both of the elective sets include the option to choose standards from the *Cleaning and Caretaking* subfield so that candidates wishing to complete the entire qualification with skills and knowledge in cleaning and caretaking can do so. Elective 2 includes the option to choose standards from a range of classifications to allow candidates to choose standards covering skills and knowledge related to their workplace and/or personal situation.
- While the minimum credit total (26 credits) for the Commercial Cleaning Strand has not changed, the requirements of the electives have changed. A minimum of 16 credits at Level 2 or above is required from Elective 1, and a minimum of 5 credits at Level 2 or above is required from Elective 2.
- The expiring *Core Health* domain was removed from Elective 2 of the Commercial Cleaning Strand and replaced by the *First Aid* domain.

Transition

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
1567	17263, 17264

This qualification contains a classification that replaced an earlier classification. For the purposes of this qualification, people who have gained credit for standards in the expiring classification may continue to use those credits to meet the qualification requirements.

Standards from	Are treated as Standards from
Health > Health Studies > Core Health	Health > Health Studies > First Aid

People currently enrolled in programmes or courses leading to the award of version 8 of this qualification may either complete that version or transfer to version 9. The last date for assessments to take place for version 8 is December 2012.

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

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