

FIELD AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES**Revision of *Forestry* qualifications**

National Certificate in Forestry (Cable Harvesting – Extraction) [Ref: 0828]
National Certificate in Forestry (Establishment and Silviculture) (Level 3) [Ref: 0702]
National Certificate in Forestry (Forest Establishment) [Ref: 0829]
National Certificate in Forestry (Foundation Skills) [Ref: 0703]
National Certificate in Forestry (Ground Based Harvesting – Extraction) [Ref: 0830]
National Certificate in Forestry (Harvesting) (Level 3) [Ref: 0704]
National Certificate in Forestry (Log Making) [Ref: 0832]
National Certificate in Forestry (Silvicultural Pruning) [Ref: 0836]
National Certificate in Forestry (Silvicultural Thinning) [Ref: 0835]
National Certificate in Forestry (Tree Felling) [Ref: 0837]

The Forest Industries Training and Education Council (FITEC) has revised the superseded versions of the qualifications listed above that have a last date for assessment of 31 December 2012.

Date new versions published**January 2011****Reason for the revision**

The qualifications were reviewed in August 2008. Ref: 0703 was replaced by the National Certificate in Forest Foundation Skills (Level 2) with strands in Establishment, Pruning, Chainsaw Operations, Breaking Out, and Landing Operations [Ref: 1410]. Refs: 0702, 0704, 0828-0830, 0832, 0835-0837 were designated expiring and not replaced as they no longer met the needs of industry and new qualifications were developed that met current industry requirements. The majority of candidates enrolled in the expiring qualifications were transitioned into the replacement or new qualifications; however those who had almost completed were encouraged to complete. 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 review and expiry of unit standards has created issues for some candidates. In addition, industry now prefers candidates to be assessed against the replacement unit standards rather than the expiring or earlier unit standards.

The qualifications have therefore been amended to enable existing candidates to complete the requirements of the expiring qualifications by adding exemptions from earlier and expiring standards for people with credit for the replacement or acceptable alternative standards.

Main changes resulting from the revision

Credit exemption tables were added to the expiring qualifications, allowing for exemptions from earlier and expiring standards. The exemptions were added so that the qualifications can be achieved until they reach the last date of assessment of 31 December 2012.

National Certificate in Forestry (Cable Harvesting – Extraction) [Ref: 0828]

Changes to structure and content

- Credit exemption table added for standard 6917, for which standard 23411 is acceptable to FITEC as an alternative.

Transition

Versions 1 and 2 of this qualification included standard 6917 for which standard 23411 is acceptable to FITEC as an alternative. People who have gained credit for the alternative standard are exempt from the requirement to gain credit for standard 6917.

Credit for	Exempt from
23411	6917

National Certificate in Forestry (Establishment and Silviculture) (Level 3) [Ref: 0702]

Changes to structure and content

- Credit exemption table added for replaced standards and for standard 6917, for which standard 23411 is acceptable to FITEC as an alternative.

Transition

Versions 2 and 3 of this qualification contained earlier standards that have been replaced or for which a later standard is acceptable to FITEC as an alternative. People who have gained credit for the replacement or alternative standards are exempt from the requirement to gain credit for the earlier standards – see table below.

Credit for	Exempt from
22994	13108, 13109
23411	6917
23000	6923
22998	6949
22998 and 23000	1241

National Certificate in Forestry (Forest Establishment) [Ref: 0829]

Changes to structure and content

- Credit exemption table added for replaced standards and for standards 1235, 1239, and 1240, for which standards 1234, 1237, and 1238 respectively are acceptable to FITEC as alternatives.

Transition

Versions 1-3 of this qualification contained earlier standards that have been replaced or for which a later standard is acceptable to FITEC as an alternative. People who have gained credit for the replacement or alternative standards are exempt from the requirement to gain credit for the earlier standards – see table below.

Credit for	Exempt from
1234	1235
1237	1239
1238	1240
22994	13108, 13109
23000	6923

National Certificate in Forestry (Foundation Skills) [Ref: 0703]

Changes to structure and content

- Credit exemption table added for replaced standards and for standard 6917, for which standard 23411 is acceptable to FITEC as an alternative.

Transition

Version 2 of this qualification contained earlier standards that have been replaced or for which a later standard is acceptable to FITEC as an alternative. People who have gained credit for the replacement or alternative standards are exempt from the requirement to gain credit for the earlier standards – see table below.

Credit for	Exempt from
22994	13108, 13109
23411	6917
23000	6923
22998	6949
22997	17757, 17760, 17761
24575	17761

National Certificate in Forestry (Ground Based Harvesting – Extraction) [Ref: 0830]

Changes to structure and content

- Credit exemption table added for standard 6917, for which standard 23411 is acceptable to FITEC as an alternative.

Transition

Version 2 of this qualification included standard 6917 for which standard 23411 is acceptable to FITEC as an alternative. People who have gained credit for the alternative standard are exempt from the requirement to gain credit for standard 6917.

Credit for	Exempt from
23411	6917

National Certificate in Forestry (Harvesting) (Level 3) [Ref: 0704]

Changes to structure and content

- Credit exemption table added for replaced standards.

Transition

Version 2 of this qualification contained earlier standards that have been replaced. People who have gained credit for the replacement standard are exempt from the requirement to gain credit for the earlier standards – see table below.

Credit for	Exempt from
22994	13108, 13109

National Certificate in Forestry (Log Making) [Ref: 0832]

Changes to structure and content

- Credit exemption table added for standards 6917 and 6918, for which standards 23411 and 1254 respectively are acceptable to FITEC as alternatives.

Transition

Version 3 of this qualification contained earlier standards for which another standard is acceptable to FITEC as an alternative. People who have gained credit for the alternative standards are exempt from the requirement to gain credit for the earlier standards – see table below.

Credit for	Exempt from
23411	6917
1254	6918

National Certificate in Forestry (Silvicultural Pruning) [Ref: 0836]

Changes to structure and content

- Credit exemption table added for replaced standards and for standards 1244 and 1246, for which standards 1243 and 1245 respectively are acceptable to FITEC as alternatives.

Transition

Versions 1 and 2 of this qualification contained earlier standards that have been replaced or standards for which another standard is acceptable to FITEC as an alternative. People who have gained credit for the replacement or alternative standards are exempt from the requirement to gain credit for the earlier standards – see table below.

Credit for	Exempt from
1243	1244
1245	1246
22994	13108, 13109
22998	6949

National Certificate in Forestry (Silvicultural Thinning) [Ref: 0835]

Changes to structure and content

- Credit exemption table added for replaced standards and for standards 1248 and 6917, for which standards 17767 and 23411 respectively are acceptable to FITEC as alternatives.

Transition

Versions 1 and 2 of this qualification contained earlier standards that have been replaced or for which a later standard is acceptable to FITEC as an alternative. People who have gained credit for the replacement or alternative standards are exempt from the requirement to gain credit for the earlier standards – see table below.

Credit for	Exempt from
22994	13108, 13109
23411	6917
17767	1248

National Certificate in Forestry (Tree Felling) [Ref: 0837]

Changes to structure and content

- Credit exemption table added for replaced standards.

Transition

Versions 1 and 2 of this qualification contained an earlier standard that has been replaced. People who have gained credit for the replacement standards are exempt from the requirement to gain credit for the earlier standard – see table below.

Credit for	Exempt from
24569, 24570	1255

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