

FIELD AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES**Revision of *Forest Foundation Skills* qualification****National Certificate in Forest Foundation Skills (Level 2) with strands in Establishment, Pruning, Chainsaw Operations, Breaking Out, and Landing Operations [Ref: 1410]**

The Forest Industries Training and Education Council (FITEC) has revised the qualification above.

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

Reason for the revision

This revision was prompted by the review of FITEC chainsaw standards 6917 and 23411. Standard 6917 is intended for entry level users and standard 23411 for chainsaw users within a commercial forestry operation. An elective section has been added to the Chainsaw Operations Strand of this qualification to provide the option of completing either standard 6917 or standard 23411. The option to complete either of these standards better reflects the intent of this qualification which is for those wishing to gain work in forestry or employees already working in a commercial forestry operation.

Main changes resulting from the revision

The total credits for this qualification have decreased due to the review of standards in the qualification. The expiring first aid standards have been replaced by the newly developed first aid standards. An elective section has been added to the Chainsaw Operations Strand of this qualification and is made up of standard 23411 and standard 6917.

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- The total credit range for this qualification has decreased from 43-50 to 41-46.
- In the core compulsory section the three expiring first aid standards 6400, 6401 and 6402 from the Core Health domain have been replaced by the two newly developed first aid standards: 26551 and 26552 from the First Aid domain.
- An elective section has been added to the Chainsaw Operations Strand.
- Standard 23411 has been moved from the compulsory to a new elective section in the Chainsaw Operations Strand.
- Standard 6917 has been added to the elective section of the Chainsaw Operations Strand.

Transition

Candidates can choose to complete version 1 or 2 of this qualification or transfer their existing achievements to version 3. All new candidates will be enrolled onto version 3 of this qualification.

The last date for assessment of versions 1 and 2 of this qualification is December 2012.

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
6400, 6401, 6402	26551, 26552
6923	23000
6949	22998
13108, 13109	22994
17757, 17760, 17761	22997

It is not intended that any existing candidate be disadvantaged by these arrangements. However, any candidate who considers they have been disadvantaged may appeal to FITEC – see below.

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