

FIELD AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES**Review of *Tuberculosis (Tb) Testing of Domestic Cattle and Deer* qualification****National Certificate in Tuberculosis (Tb) Testing of Domestic Cattle and Deer (Level 4) [Ref: 1496]**

The Agriculture ITO has completed the review of the qualification above.

Replacement qualification

National Certificate in Tuberculosis (Tb) Testing of Domestic Cattle and Deer (Domestic Cattle) with an optional strand in Deer [Ref: 1611]

Date new versions published**January 2011**

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

Summary of review and consultation process

The qualification was reviewed to make changes to the content based on feedback received from industry. Draft qualifications were circulated for consultation within the ITO and with key industry representatives. This feedback was considered by the review panel.

The qualification structure and content was updated in response to the feedback received. As a result, a new qualification emerged reflecting the tuberculosis (Tb) testing in cattle and deer pathways.

Main changes resulting from the review

- The new qualification is structured to reflect the specialist nature of tuberculosis testing of domestic cattle and especially that of testing tuberculosis (Tb) of deer.
- The National Certificate in Tuberculosis (Tb) Testing of Domestic Cattle and Deer [Ref: 1496] has been designated expiring.

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There are substantial differences between the new qualification and the replaced qualification.

- The qualification has been replaced to allow for a progression of learning to take place.
- The replacement qualification reflects the tuberculosis (Tb) testing in cattle and deer pathways.

Transition

Training programmes or courses for the new qualification may start as soon as the replacement qualification is registered. All new trainees will be enrolled in programmes leading to the replacement qualification.

People working towards the National Certificate in Tuberculosis (Tb) Testing of Domestic Cattle and Deer [Ref: 1496] can complete or transfer to the National Certificate in Tuberculosis (Tb) Testing of Domestic Cattle and Deer (Domestic Cattle) with an optional strand in Deer [Ref: 1611].

The last date for assessments to take place for the National Certificate in Tuberculosis (Tb) Testing of Domestic Cattle and Deer [Ref: 1496] is 31 December 2013.

Key to Qualification Review Categories

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