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### Review of *Rail Transport* qualification

#### National Certificate in Rail Transport (Level 2) [Ref: 0958]

Competenz has completed the review of the qualification listed above.

#### Replacement qualifications

National Certificate in Rail Operations (Passenger Services) (Level 2) with an optional strand in Train Management [Ref: 1682]

National Certificate in Rail Infrastructure (Level 2) [Ref: 1683]

#### Date new versions published

July 2011

The next qualification review is planned to take place during 2016.

#### Summary of review and consultation process

This qualification has been in use since July 2002. Recent, major restructuring in the dominant companies in the rail sector has resulted in a need to review the qualification.

Kiwi Rail and Veolia were consulted in the review process. The outcome was the development of new qualifications to cater for rail passenger operations and infrastructure services of the rail industry.

#### Main changes resulting from the review

The qualification was replaced by two new qualifications in rail operations (passenger services) and rail infrastructure. An optional strand was introduced to the passenger services qualification to recognise the knowledge and skills required for the role of a Train Manager. The Train Manager's role in the rail industry is not a high level management role therefore, it remains as an optional strand at the same level as the qualification.

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**National Certificate in Rail Operations (Passenger Services) (Level 2) with an optional strand in Train Management [Ref: 1682]**

**National Certificate in Rail Infrastructure (Level 2) [Ref: 1683]**

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There are substantial differences between the new and replaced qualifications

Ref: 1682

- Qualification credit total was changed from 70 for the replaced qualification to 44 for the new passenger services qualification.
- Compulsory standards 497, 2977, 3483, and 8489 from the replaced qualification were not included in the new passenger services qualification.
- Compulsory *Rail Core Skills* standards 18864 and 19392 from the replaced qualification were not included in the compulsory section of the new passenger services qualification but can be used to meet the elective requirements.
- Standards 62 and 27286 that were not listed in the replaced qualification were included in the compulsory section of the new passenger services qualification.
- Elective standards 2395, 2396, 15948-15950, 10851 and 10852 from the replaced qualification were not included in the new passenger services qualification.
- The new passenger services qualification includes two elective sections. Elective 1 consists of the *Rail Core Skills* domain and Elective 2 includes standards 57, 3271, 4647, 11938 and *Rail Core Skills* and *Rail Operations* domains.
- An optional Train Management strand was included in the new passenger services qualification.

Ref: 1683

- Qualification credit total was changed from 70 for the replaced qualification to 50 for the new rail infrastructure qualification.
- Compulsory section of the replaced qualification was not included in the new rail infrastructure qualification.
- The new rail infrastructure qualification includes three elective sections. Elective 1 is limited to the *Rail Infrastructure* domain, Elective 2 enables candidates to select unit standards from the *Rail Transport* subfield, and Elective 3 enables candidates to select unit standards that complement those available in Electives 1 and 2, from a wide range of related domains, thereby building a profile of knowledge and skill competencies that meet both job type and work environment.

## Transition

The new passenger services and rail infrastructure qualifications contain standards that replace earlier standards. For the purpose of these qualifications 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	26551, 26552
6401	26552
6402	26551

All new trainees in rail passenger operations will be enrolled on the new passenger services qualification. Trainees in rail passenger operations enrolled on programmes leading to the award of the replaced qualification may either complete that qualification or transfer their results to the new passenger services qualification.

New trainees in rail infrastructure will be enrolled on the new rail infrastructure

qualification. Trainees in rail infrastructure enrolled on programmes leading to the award of the replaced qualification may either complete that qualification or transfer their results to the new infrastructure qualification.

The last date for assessments to take place for the replaced qualification is 31 December 2013.

Competenz will publish these arrangements in the trade press, on the Competenz website <http://www.competenz.org.nz>, and by direct communications with trainees and their employers.

These transition provisions were designed to ensure no trainee is disadvantaged. However, anyone who feels they have been disadvantaged may appeal to Competenz at the address below:

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### Key to Qualification Review Categories

<b>Category A</b> 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
<b>Category B</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
<b>Category C</b> 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
<b>Category D</b> 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