

FIELD ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY**Review of *Electricity Supply* qualification****National Certificate in Electricity Supply (Operator) (Level 3) [Ref: 1375]**

The Electricity Supply Industry Training Organisation (ESITO) has completed the review of the qualification above.

Date new versions published**March 2011**

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

Summary of review and consultation process

The review was carried out following a request from industry to expand and restructure the content of the qualification in order for it to become achievable by people training in thermal operations. Those sectors of industry involved in hydro and network operations were consulted on the current validity of the standards and qualification, and the proposed new structure. Under the proposed structure, network and hydro operators were still required to complete the same standards as in the current qualification and no objections were received from industry.

Main changes resulting from the review

The qualification was restructured to incorporate a Network and Hydro Operator strand, and a Thermal Operator strand. The compulsory section of the new version of the qualification and the Network and Hydro Operator strand consist of the same standards as the previous version of the qualification, while the Thermal Operator strand contains an additional three standards.

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National Certificate in Electricity Supply (Operator) (Level 3) with strands in Network and Hydro Operator, and Thermal Operator [Ref: 1375]

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Differences between the qualifications

- the structure of the qualification was changed from a compulsory set to a compulsory set with strands
- candidates must complete a strand to meet the requirements of the qualification
- the qualification has a new title, which reflects the change in structure
- total credits changed from 71 to 69-77 credits
- standard 26019 was added to the compulsory section
- standards 14701, 16284, 17028 and 19479 were removed from the compulsory section to create the Network and Hydro Operator strand
- standards 20090, 24668 and 26748 have been added to the qualification to create the Thermal Operator strand
- expiring standards 19324 and 19481 were removed from the qualification.

This qualification contains standards that replace an earlier standard. For the purposes of this qualification, people who have gained credit for the expiring standard are exempt from the requirement to gain credit for the replacement standards – see table below.

Credit for	Exempt from
15843	25070, 25071, 25072

All existing candidates may either complete the requirements of version 2 of the qualification by 31 December 2013 or transfer to version 3. Candidates intending to complete version 2 must gain credit for standards 19324 and 19481 before they expire on 31 December 2012.

All new trainees will be enrolled in programmes leading to version 3 of the qualification.

It is not intended that anyone is disadvantaged by this review and the above arrangements have been designed for a smooth transition. However, anyone who feels they have been disadvantaged may appeal to the Electricity Supply Industry Training Organisation at the address below.

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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