

FIELD AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES**Review of *Equine* qualification****National Certificate in Equine (Level 4) with strands in Sporthorse Stable Attendant, Harness Racing, Sporthorse Competitor, and Jockey [Ref: 0216]**

The New Zealand Equine Industry Training Organisation 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 additional strand for Advanced Track Rider was added to provide candidates with a pathway to study beyond the current National Certificate in Equine (Level 3) Track Rider strand [Ref: 0654]. The focus is on the more advanced track rider being able to provide greater support and assistance to horse trainers in the pre-race preparation of thoroughbred racehorses. The Advanced Track Rider strand provides an alternative progression to the Jockey strand.

The programme provides additional skills and knowledge for those wanting to take the step into employment or self-employment as track riders in the future.

Consultation with a number of industry employers supported the concept of a higher level qualification, because it will not only provide a higher degree of expertise, but will also afford the recognition the role deserves as being crucial to the ongoing success of the industry.

The Advanced Track Rider strand differs to that of the Jockey, with the removal of compulsory raceday riding unit standards and the addition of compulsory horse care, business skills and occupational safety and health unit standards.

Main changes resulting from the review

The main differences between this version of the qualification and the previous one are: a change to the title; and the introduction of a Advanced Track Rider strand.

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The main change to occur as a result of the review is the addition of an Advanced Track Rider strand.

Changes to structure and content

- The title was amended to reflect the changes to strands and strand names.
- The Advanced Track Rider strand was added and was structured to include Compulsory and Elective sections.
- The credit requirement for the qualification with the Advanced Track Rider strand (205 credits) was added to the credit range table.
- Standards 1597, 1622, 1662, 6583, 6587, 6601, 6620, 6621, 23972, 23975, and 25444 were removed from the Equine Common List.

Transition

Version 6 was issued following review to make changes to structure and content.

As this review involves the addition of a strand not previously included in the qualification, people who have commenced version 5 of the qualification will not be affected. All existing candidates may either complete versions 4 or 5, or transfer to version 6. The last date for entry to version 4 is 31 December 2011. People undertaking the Advanced Track Rider Strand will be required to undertake their qualification on version 6. There will be no impact for current students, unless they intend transferring from one of the existing strands.

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

Credit for	Exempt from
11, 36, 37	19460
16, 45	19461
561	19459
1626	19945
1655	19949

It is anticipated that no existing candidates are disadvantaged by these transition arrangements. However, candidates may appeal in the first instance to NZ Equine Industry Training Organisation at the address below, which will consider any appeal on a case-by-case basis.

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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