

FIELD ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY**Review of *Electricity Supply* qualification**

National Certificate in Electricity Supply (Line Mechanic Distribution Live Work Stick up to 66kV) with an optional strand in Glove and Barrier up to 33kV (Level 4)
[Ref: 1580]

The Electricity Supply Industry Training Organisation (ESITO) has reviewed the qualification above.

Replacement qualifications

National Certificate in Electricity Supply (Line Mechanic Distribution Live Work Stick up to 66kV) (Level 4) [Ref: 1580]

National Certificate in Electricity Supply (Line Mechanic Distribution Live Work Glove and Barrier up to 33kV) (Level 5) [Ref: 1625]

Date new versions published**March 2011**

The next qualification review is planned to take place during 2015.

Summary of review and consultation process

The National Certificate in Electricity Supply (Line Mechanic Distribution Live Work Stick up to 66kV) with an optional strand in Glove and Barrier up to 33kV (Level 4) [Ref: 1580] replaced a Level 5 qualification, the National Certificate in Electricity Supply (Line Mechanic Distribution Live Work) (Level 5) [Ref: 1119], in 2010 after feedback, which indicated that [Ref: 1119] could only be achieved by candidates who undertook both glove and barrier and stick work, which was not possible in all workplaces. Industry was invited to participate in a steering group which was convened and endorsed changes to the qualification structure to allow it to be achieved by those undertaking only stick work.

It was intended that [Ref: 1580] would be awarded at Level 5 if the optional strand in Glove and Barrier were to be completed. However, the use of an optional strand meant that candidates who completed the optional strand in Glove and Barrier would only be awarded the qualification at Level 4 and would therefore be disadvantaged.

To rectify this, the optional strand in Glove and Barrier has been removed from the qualification and those unit standards in the strand have been included in the new National Certificate in Electricity Supply (Line Mechanic Distribution Live Work Glove and Barrier up to 33kV) (Level 5) [Ref: 1625].

Main changes resulting from the review

The optional strand in Glove and Barrier was removed from the qualification and a new qualification was developed to replace the strand.

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replaced by

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Changes to structure and content

- The structure of the qualification was changed from a qualification with a core compulsory set and an optional strand, to a qualification with only a compulsory set.
- The optional strand, containing standards 10537, 10540, and 10541 was removed from the qualification and included in a new qualification, the National Certificate in Electricity Supply (Line Mechanic Distribution Live Work Glove and Barrier up to 33kV) (Level 5) [Ref: 1625].

Transition

As there are no candidates enrolled in courses or training leading to version 1 of the National Certificate in Electricity Supply (Line Mechanic Distribution Live Work Stick up to 66kV) (Level 4) with optional strand in Glove and Barrier up to 33kV [Ref: 1580] there are no transition impacts and version 1 will have a last date of assessment of 30 April 2011.

Candidates enrolled in training or courses leading to the National Certificate in Electricity Supply (Line Mechanic Distribution Live Work) (Level 5) [Ref: 1119] who were intending to complete the optional strand of this qualification can now transfer to the National Certificate in Electricity Supply (Line Mechanic Distribution Live Work Glove and Barrier up to 33kV) (Level 5) [Ref: 1625].

It is not intended that anyone is disadvantaged by these transition arrangements which 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