

FIELD EDUCATION

Review of *Early Childhood Education and Care* qualifications

National Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 3) [Ref: 0403]

National Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 5) [Ref: 0430]

National Certificate in Pacific Islands Early Childhood Education (Pasifika Management) (Level 6) [Ref: 0982]

National Diploma in Teaching (Early Childhood Education, Pasifika) (Level 7) [Ref: 0983]

NZQA National Qualifications Services has completed the review of the qualifications listed above.

Date new versions published

May 2011

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

Summary of review and consultation process

The review of qualifications was carried out as a result of the review of the unit standards in the subfields Early Childhood Education and Care, and Pacific Islands Early Childhood Education. NZQA established a Programme Advisory Group (PAG) drawn from tertiary education organisations, private training enterprises, Pasifika, and Māori representatives. The PAG recommended that all ECE qualifications be reviewed to ensure that they are fit for purpose and address current ECE pedagogy and regulations.

The reviewed ECE unit standards have now been registered, and the qualifications have been reviewed to take into account the changes in the unit standards and the recommendations from the PAG.

The PAG recommended that the qualification [Ref: 0982] should be expired on the basis that there has been no uptake since it was registered in 2002. The Pasifika community did not concur with this and considered the Pasifika content makes this qualification unique and valuable for future Pasifika candidates. Since the PAG met there has been interest in delivering this qualification from providers who endorse the focus on management, skills, and knowledge involved in the education and care of Pasifika children.

The review of the qualifications was undertaken in 2010 and has been through a consultation process with ECE stakeholders via the NZQA website. Feedback was considered and subsequent amendments have been made to the qualifications.

Main changes resulting from the review

Unit standards within the qualifications have been updated and new unit standards included to give learners a basic introduction to the skills and knowledge involved in the education and care of infants, toddlers, and young children within the socio-cultural context of Aotearoa/New Zealand.

National Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 3) [Ref: 0403]

Review category	B	See Key to Qualification Review Categories at the end of report
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Changes to structure and content

- Standard 26707 replaced standards 10014 and 10017. Standards 26709 replaced standard 10016 and standard 27145 replaced standard 10038.
- Standard 26712 was substituted for standard 6632.
- Standards 10015, 10018, 10034, and 10036 were removed.
- Standards 20407, 26707, 26708, 26709, 26712, 26715, 27145, and 27146 were added.

Transition

People currently enrolled in programmes leading to the award of version 3 of the qualification may complete that version by December 2013, or transfer to the new version 4.

The last date for entry to programmes or courses for Ref: 0403 is December 2012.

The start date for programmes or courses leading to the award of version 4 of Ref: 0403 is January 2012.

This qualification contains standards that replace or have substituted earlier standards. For the purposes of this qualification, 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
6632	26712
10014, 10017	26707
10016	26709
10038	27145

National Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 5) [Ref: 0430]

Review category	B	See Key to Qualification Review Categories at the end of report
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Changes to structure and content

- Total credits for the qualification have decreased from 126 to 122 credits.
- Levels and credits of reviewed standards have been updated.
- Standards 6632, 10014, 10611, and 21327 have been removed from the qualification and replaced by 26712, 26707, 27146, and 26711 respectively.
- New standards 26710, 26714, 26716, and standards 3700 and 27108 have been added to the qualification.

- Standards 6632, 9332, and 10032, and expiring standards 9301, 9321, 9324, 10034, 10036, 10611, 12734, and 12735 have been removed from the qualification.

Transition

People currently enrolled in programmes leading to the award of version 4 of the qualification may either complete that version by December 2014, or transfer to the new version 5.

The last date for entry to programmes or courses for version 4 of Ref: 0430 is December 2012.

The start date for programmes or courses leading to the award of version 5 of Ref: 0430 is January 2012.

This qualification contains standards that replace or have substituted earlier standards. For the purposes of this qualification, 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
6632	26712
10611	27146
10014	26707
21327	26711

National Certificate in Pacific Islands Early Childhood Education (Pasifika Management) (Level 6) [Ref: 0982]

Review category	B	See Key to Qualification Review Categories at the end of report
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Changes to structure and content

- Credit total increased from 120 to 123 credits.
- Levels and credits have been updated.
- Standard 26716 replaced 10031 in the compulsory section of the qualification.
- Standard 9331 has been added to the compulsory section.
- In elective 1 standard 26698 has replaced 18799.
- In elective 2 standard 9321 has been removed. Standards 10611, 18773, and 18787 have been replaced by 27146, 26747, and 26694 respectively.
- In elective 3 standards 11653, 15189, and 23400 have been added and standards 1988, 11652, and 11656 have been removed.
- Standards 1988 and 12737, and expiring standards 9301, 9321, 10031, 10611, 11656, 18773, 18787, and 18799 have been removed from the qualification.

Transition

People currently enrolled in programmes leading to the award of version 1 of the qualification may either complete that version by December 2013, or transfer to the new version 2.

The start date for programmes or courses leading to the award of version 2 of Ref: 0982 is January 2012.

This qualification contains standards that replace earlier standards. For the purposes of this qualification, 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
10031	26716
10611	27146
18773	26747
18787	26694
18799	26698

National Diploma in Teaching (Early Childhood Education, Pasifika) (Level 7) [Ref: 0983]

Review category	B	See Key to Qualification Review Categories at the end of report
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Changes to structure and content

- Elective 2 requiring a minimum of 10 credits as specified was added to the qualification and the previous elective 2 - balance became elective 3 - balance.
- Standards 9306, 10033, 12736, 18780, 18792, 18797, 18800, 26354, 26355, 26695, 26696, 26698 and 26747 have been moved or added to the compulsory section.
- Standard 9337 has moved from the compulsory section to elective 3.
- Levels of credits have been updated.
- Standard 26694 replaced 18787.
- Standard 26695 replaced 18788.
- Standard 26696 replaced 18791.
- Standard 26698 replaced 18799.
- Standard 26707 replaced 10014.
- Standard 26711 replaced 21327.
- Standard 26712 replaced 6630.
- Standard 27146 replaced 10611.
- Standard 26747 replaced 18773.
- Standards 3700, 9293, 9308, 9332, 9337, 10028, 16225, 18593, 26353 and 26710 have been added to the elective sections.

- Standards 2780, 2781, 9332, and 20406, and expiring standards 9301, 9321, 10025, 10031, and 12735, 12737, and 18773-18778 have been removed from the qualification.

Transition

People currently enrolled in programmes leading to the award of version 3 of the qualification may either complete that version by December 2013, or transfer to the new version 4.

The start date for programmes or courses leading to the award of version 4 of Ref: 0983 is January 2012.

This qualification contains standards that replace or have substituted earlier standards. For the purposes of this qualification, 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
6630	26712
10014	26707
10018	26710
10611	27146
18773	26747
18787	26694
18788	26695
18791	26696
18799	26698
21327	26711

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 NZQA National Qualifications Services at the contact details 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