

## Field                      Fire and Rescue Services

### Review of Fire and Rescue Services qualifications

National Certificate in Fire and Rescue Services – Airport (Level 2) [Ref: 1158]  
 National Certificate in Fire and Rescue Services (Urban Fire and Rescue Operations) (Level 2) [Ref: 0537]  
 National Certificate in Fire and Rescue Services (Vegetation) (Level 2) [Ref: 0539]  
 National Certificate in Fire and Rescue Services – Airport (Level 3) [Ref: 1454]  
 National Certificate in Fire and Rescue Services (Urban Fire and Rescue Operations) (Level 3) [Ref: 0538]  
 National Certificate in Fire and Rescue Services (Vegetation) (Level 3) [Ref: 0540]  
 National Certificate in Fire and Rescue Services – Airport (Level 4) [Ref: 1455]  
 National Certificate in Fire and Rescue Services (Urban Fire and Rescue Operations) (Level 4) [Ref: 0613]  
 National Certificate in Fire and Rescue Services (Vegetation) (Level 4) [Ref: 1183]

Fire and Rescue Services Industry Training Organisation (Emergency Management Qualifications – (EMQUAL)) has reviewed the qualifications listed above.

### Date new versions published

**July 2012**

The next qualification review is planned to take place during 2013.

### Summary of review and consultation process

The focus of the review was to ensure that the qualifications reflect the current training needs of New Zealand's fire and rescue personnel.

Changes within the fire and rescue services industry resulted in some learners being unable to achieve the previous qualification requirements. It was agreed, with NZQA, that these qualifications could be reviewed outside the mandatory Qualifications Review Schedule.

The review was based on comments received from the industry as a result of an extensive consultation and feedback process. Industry representatives comprising of stakeholders and EMQUAL's Industry Technical Advisory Group considered the comments. Representatives then recommended and endorsed the changes.

### Main changes resulting from the review

National Certificate in Fire and Rescue Services (Urban Fire and Rescue Operations) (Level 2) [Ref: 0537]  
 National Certificate in Fire and Rescue Services (Vegetation) (Level 2) [Ref: 0539]  
 National Certificate in Fire and Rescue Services – Airport (Level 2) [Ref: 1158]

*Replaced by*

**New Zealand Certificate in Fire and Rescue Services with strands in Airport, Urban Fire and Rescue Operations, and Vegetation (Level 2) [Ref: 1833]**

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Ref: 0537 contains expiring unit standards for which replacement standards have now been registered. For the purposes of this qualification, people who have gained credit for the replacement standards are exempt from the requirement to gain credit for the expiring standards.

Credit for	Exempt from
23406	6402
26551, 26552	6402
26992, 26993	10614
26994, 26995	10616

Ref: 0539 contains expiring unit standards for which replacement standards have now been registered. For the purposes of this qualification, people who have gained credit for the replacement standards are exempt from the requirement to gain credit for the expiring standards.

Credit for	Exempt from
23406	6401, 6402
26551, 26552	6401, 6402

Ref: 1158 qualification contains expiring unit standards for which replacement unit standards have now been registered. For the purposes of this qualification, people who have gained credit for the replacement unit standards are exempt from the requirement to gain credit for the expiring unit standards.

Credit for	Exempt from
23406	6400, 6401, 6402
26551, 26552	6400, 6401, 6402
26994, 26995	10616
27287, 27288	3331

National Certificate in Fire and Rescue Services (Airport) (Level 3) [Ref: 1454]

*Replaced by*

**New Zealand Certificate in Fire and Rescue Services (Airport) (Level 3) [Ref: 1837]**

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Ref: 1454 contains expired or expiring unit standards for which replacement unit standards have now been registered. For the purposes of this qualification, people who have gained credit for the replacement unit standards are exempt from the requirement to gain credit for the expiring unit standards.

Credit for	Exempt from
25411	14472
25412	14470, 14471
25978	16946

National Certificate in Fire and Rescue Services (Airport) (Level 4) [Ref: 1455]

*Replaced by*

**New Zealand Certificate in Fire and Rescue Services (Airport) (Level 4) [Ref: 1838]**

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Ref: 1455 contains expired unit standards for which replacement standards have been registered. For the purposes of this qualification, people who have gained credit for the replacement standards are exempt from the requirement to gain credit for the expired standards.

Credit for	Exempt from
25411	14472
25412	14470, 14471

National Certificate in Fire and Rescue Services (Urban Fire and Rescue Operations) (Level 3) [Ref: 0538]

*Replaced by*

**New Zealand Certificate in Fire and Rescue Services (Urban Fire and Rescue Operations) (Level 3) [Ref: 1835]**

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National Certificate in Fire and Rescue Services (Urban Fire and Rescue Operations) (Level 4) [Ref: 0613]

*Replaced by*

**New Zealand Certificate in Fire and Rescue Services (Urban Fire and Rescue Operations) (Level 4) [Ref: 1836]**

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National Certificate in Fire and Rescue Services (Vegetation) (Level 3) [Ref: 0540]

*Replaced by*

**New Zealand Certificate in Fire and Rescue Services (Vegetation) (Level 3) [Ref: 1852]**

Review category	<b>C</b>	See <a href="#">Key to Qualification Review Categories</a> at the end of report
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Ref: 0540 contains expiring unit standards for which replacement standards have now been registered. For the purposes of this qualification, people who have gained credit for the replacement standards are exempt from the requirement to gain credit for the expiring standards.

Credit for	Exempt from
23406	6400, 6401, 6402
26551, 26552	6400, 6101, 6402

National Certificate in Fire and Rescue Services (Vegetation) (Level 4) [Ref: 1183]

*Replaced by*

**New Zealand Certificate in Fire and Rescue Services (Vegetation) (Level 4) [Ref: 1853]**

Review category	<b>C</b>	See <a href="#">Key to Qualification Review Categories</a> at the end of report
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## General transition

The above qualifications have been republished to indicate they have been reviewed and will be designated **expiring** on 31 December 2012 from which point no new enrolments will be accepted. The last date to meet the requirements is 31 December 2014 at which point the qualifications will be designated **discontinued**.

People currently working towards one of the replaced qualifications may either complete the requirements for that qualification by 31 December 2014 or transfer the results to the replacement qualification.

It is anticipated that no existing candidates will be disadvantaged by these transition arrangements. However, anyone who feels that they have been disadvantaged may appeal to the EMQUAL at the address below. Appeals will be considered on a case by case basis.

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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