

**FIELD                    ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY****Revision of *Electricity Supply* qualification****National Certificate in Electricity Supply (Operator) (Level 3) with strands in Network and Hydro Operator, and Thermal Operator [Ref: 1375]**

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

**Date new versions published****June 2012**

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

**Reason for the revision**

This qualification was revised in order to make standards 26019 and 19479 optional and replace them with standards 27655 and 27654 respectively, and make standard 24668 optional. This revision was prompted by industry feedback ESITO received indicating that standards 26019 and 24668 were too technical for many operators at this level, and standard 19479 could not be obtained by those operators who did not use SCADA. However, they remain in the qualification as optional electives in order to be available to those companies who wish their operators to undertake assessment against these standards. Standard 27655 is more appropriate than standard 26019 for most operators at this level, and standard 27654 is suitable for operators who know how SCADA operates, but do not actually use SCADA.

**Main changes resulting from the revision**

A compulsory standard, a standard in the Thermal Operator strand and a standard in the Network and Hydro Operator strand were made optional, a standard was added to the compulsory section, and a standard was added to the Network and Hydro Operator strand.

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Changes to structure and content:

- total credits changed from 69-77 to 61-70 credits
- standard 27655 was added to the compulsory section
- standard 27654 was added to the Network and Hydro Operator strand
- standard 26019 was removed from the compulsory section but included as an optional standard
- standard 24668 was removed from the Thermal Operator strand but included as an optional standard
- standard 19479 was removed from the Network and Hydro Operator strand but included as an optional standard.

**Transition**

All existing candidates may either complete the requirements of version 3 of the qualification or transfer to version 4. Candidates intending to complete version 2 must

gain credit for standard 19324 before it expires on 31 December 2012.

All new trainees will be enrolled in programmes leading to version 4 of the qualification.

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

<b>Credit for</b>	<b>Exempt from</b>
15843	25070, 25071, 25072
26019	27655
19479	27654

It is not intended that anyone is disadvantaged by this revision and the above arrangements have been designed for a smooth transition. Anyone who feels they have been disadvantaged may appeal to:

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