

FIELD COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES**Review of *Pharmacy* qualifications**

National Certificate in Pharmacy (Technician) (Level 5) with strands in Community, and Hospital [Ref: 0423]

National Certificate in Pharmacy (Assistant) (Level 3) [Ref: 0469]

The Pharmacy Industry Training Organisation has completed the review of the qualifications listed above.

Date replacement qualifications published

November 2012

Summary of review and consultation process

The intention of the review was to propose a suite of qualifications which would be appropriate for the current and future needs of the pharmacy sector.

The review was based on comments received from the industry as a result of an extensive sector wide consultation process; it has resulted in the development of four new qualifications:

New Zealand Certificate in Pharmacy (Introduction to Pharmacy Practice) [Ref: 1886]

New Zealand Certificate in Pharmacy (Community Pharmacy Assistant) [Ref: 1887]

New Zealand Certificate in Pharmacy (Pharmacy Technician) (Level 4) [Ref: 1888]

New Zealand Certificate in Pharmacy (Pharmacy Technician) (Level 5) [Ref: 1889]

Main changes resulting from the review

National Certificate in Pharmacy (Assistant) (Level 3) [Ref: 0469]

Replaced by

New Zealand Certificate in Pharmacy (Introduction to Pharmacy Practice)

[Ref: 1886].

Review category	C	See Key to Qualification Review Categories at the end of report
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Replaced by

New Zealand Certificate in Pharmacy (Pharmacy Technician) (Level 4) [Ref: 1888]

New Zealand Certificate in Pharmacy (Pharmacy Technician) (Level 5) [Ref: 1889].

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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 2014 from which point no new enrolments will be accepted. The last date to meet the requirements of the replaced qualifications is 31 December 2017 at which point the qualifications will be designated **discontinued**.

People currently working towards one of the replaced qualifications must complete its requirements by 31 December 2017.

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 Pharmacy Industry Training Organisation at the address below. Appeals will be considered 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 NZQF 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 NZQF 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 NZQF 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