

**FIELD                    ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY****Review of *Engineering* qualifications**

**National Diploma in Engineering (Level 6) with strands in Mechanical Engineering, Production Engineering, and Mechanical Services, and with an optional strand in Practical Endorsement [Ref: 0534]**

Competenz has completed the review of the qualification listed above.

**Replacement qualifications**

**New Zealand Diploma in Engineering [Ref: 112950]  
New Zealand Diploma in Engineering Practice (with strands in Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering and Mechanical Engineering) [Ref: 1714]**

**Date new versions published**

**April 2013**

**Summary of review and consultation process**

The review was carried out as part of the National Engineering Education Plan (NEEP) Project, a collaborative research and development venture between all major participants and stakeholders in the New Zealand engineering education sector. The two new replacement qualifications form the Unified System for Engineering Diplomas. The development work was undertaken by a Diploma Lead Group, acting under delegation from the NEEP Project Governance Group. The Diploma Lead Group was made up of representatives from relevant industry training organisations (ITOs) and Institutes of Technology and Polytechnics.

**Main changes resulting from the review**

The qualification has been designated as expiring as it has been replaced by the two qualifications that form the Unified System for Engineering Diplomas. The New Zealand Diploma in Engineering [Ref: 112950] was listed on the New Zealand Qualifications Framework (NZQF) in September 2010 and the New Zealand Diploma in Engineering Practice (with strands in Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering and Mechanical Engineering) [Ref: 1714] in November 2011.

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

Enrolments in the replacement qualification, the New Zealand Diploma in Engineering [Ref: 112950], commenced in February 2011. Transition arrangements were included when that qualification was listed on the NZQF. No new enrolments have been accepted into programmes leading to the award of the expiring qualification since February 2012. Only one provider, Western Institute of Technology at Taranaki, still has students enrolled in the expiring qualification and it is expected that they will complete the qualification in

2013. Competenz has previously notified all providers that the qualification will expire in December 2015.

The last date for assessments to take place for the expiring qualification is 31 December 2015.

Candidates enrolled in the programmes leading to award of this qualification with the Practical Endorsement Optional Strand are advised that assessment against standard 8505 is no longer available as it expired in December 2012. However, there are sufficient credits available from the other listed standards to meet the strand requirements. Assessment against expiring standards 7380, 21771, and 25463 must be completed before they expire in December 2014.

This qualification contains standards that replace earlier standards. For the purposes of this qualification people who have gained credit for expiring standards are exempt from the requirement to gain credit for the replacement standards.

<b>Credit for</b>	<b>Exempt from</b>
2824	21911, 21912
7452	25463
11387	21781, 21782
11388, 11389	21773, 21774
11390	21783, 21784
11391	21277
11394	21785
11395, 11396	21787
11397	21788
11414	2430, 21772

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:

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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