

FIELD AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES

Review of *Agriculture* qualifications

National Certificate in Agriculture (Level 4) with strands in Arable Farming, Beef Cattle Farming, Dairy Farming, Deer Farming, and Sheep Farming [Ref: 0986]
 National Certificate in On-farm Milk Quality (Milk Harvester) [Ref: 1350]
 National Certificate in On-farm Milk Quality (Farm Dairy Supervisor) with an optional strand in Mastitis Management [Ref: 1351]
 National Certificate in Agriculture (Animal Feeding and Pastures) (Level 3) [Ref: 1435]
 National Certificate in Agriculture (Cattle Breeding) (Level 3) with strands in Beef Cattle Farming, and Dairy Cattle Farming [Ref: 1436]
 National Certificate in Agriculture (Stockmanship) (Level 3) [Ref: 1437]
 National Certificate in Agriculture (Animal Health and Husbandry) (Level 3) with strands in Cattle Farming, and Sheep Farming [Ref: 1438]
 National Certificate in Dairy Farming (Milking) (Level 3) [Ref: 1440]
 National Certificate in Dairy Farming (Animal Health and Husbandry) (Level 3) [Ref: 1441]
 National Certificate in Deer Farming (Level 3) [Ref: 1442]
 National Certificate in Sheep Farming (Sheep Breeding) (Level 3) [Ref: 1443]
 National Certificate in Agriculture (General Skills) [Ref: 1468]
 National Certificate in Dairy Farming (Managing Dairy Farm Effluent) (Level 3) [Ref: 1507]

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

Replacement qualifications

New Zealand Certificate in Agriculture (Livestock Husbandry) (Level 3) (Dairy, and Meat and Fibre) [Ref: 2214]
 New Zealand Certificate in Agriculture (Vehicles, Machinery and Infrastructure) (Level 3) [Ref: 2215]
 New Zealand Certificate in Agriculture (Milk Harvesting) (Level 3) [Ref: 2216]
 New Zealand Certificate in Agriculture (Pastoral Livestock Production) (Level 3) [Ref: 2217]
 New Zealand Certificate in Agriculture (Level 4) with strands in Arable Farming, Dairy Farming, and Livestock Farming [Ref: 2212]

Date new versions published

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The next qualification review is planned to take place during 2017.

Summary of review and consultation process

This review report covers the first part of a review that occurred as a result of the mandatory review of Agriculture qualifications in the pastoral sector, part of the Targeted Review of Qualifications (TRoQ). The mandatory review involved extensive consultation with stakeholders working in and with the industry. Consultation included meetings to discuss the need to review the qualifications, and subsequent meetings considered the proposed content of the qualifications.

Industry confirmed the on-going need for a suite of qualifications in this area that would recognise graduate capabilities and provide an education pathway for trainees.

The existing National qualifications have been replaced by New Zealand qualifications, as detailed below.

Main changes resulting from the review

National Certificate in Agriculture (Level 4) with strands in Arable Farming, Beef Cattle Farming, Dairy Farming, Deer Farming, and Sheep Farming [Ref: 0986]
 National Certificate in On-farm Milk Quality (Farm Dairy Supervisor) with an optional strand in Mastitis Management [Ref: 1351]
New Zealand Certificate in Agriculture (Level 4) with strands in Arable Farming, Dairy Farming, and Livestock Farming [Ref: 2212]

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National Certificate in Agriculture (General Skills) [Ref: 1468]
New Zealand Certificate in Agriculture (Vehicles, Machinery and Infrastructure) (Level 3) [Ref: 2215]

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National Certificate in Dairy Farming (Managing Dairy Farm Effluent) (Level 3) [Ref: 1507]
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Transition

People currently enrolled in the replaced qualifications may either complete that qualification or transfer to the replacement qualification. The last date for entry and the last date for assessment to take place for the replaced qualifications are specified in the table below.

Qualification	Last date for entry	Last date for assessment
National Certificate in Agriculture (Level 4) with strands in Arable Farming, Beef Cattle Farming, Dairy Farming, Deer Farming, and Sheep Farming [Ref: 0986]	31 Dec 2015	31 Dec 2017
National Certificate in On-farm Milk Quality (Milk Harvester) [Ref: 1350]	31 Dec 2015	31 Dec 2016
National Certificate in On-farm Milk Quality (Farm Dairy Supervisor) with an optional strand in Mastitis Management [Ref: 1351]	31 Dec 2015	31 Dec 2017
National Certificate in Agriculture (Animal Feeding and Pastures) (Level 3) [Ref: 1435]	31 Dec 2015	31 Dec 2016
National Certificate in Agriculture (Cattle Breeding) (Level 3) with strands in Beef Cattle Farming, and Dairy Cattle Farming [Ref: 1436]	31 Dec 2015	31 Dec 2016
National Certificate in Agriculture (Stockmanship) (Level 3) [Ref: 1437]	31 Dec 2015	31 Dec 2016
National Certificate in Agriculture (Animal Health and Husbandry) (Level 3) with strands in Cattle Farming, and Sheep Farming [Ref: 1438]	31 Dec 2015	31 Dec 2016
National Certificate in Dairy Farming (Milking) (Level 3) [Ref: 1440]	31 Dec 2015	31 Dec 2016
National Certificate in Dairy Farming (Animal Health and Husbandry) (Level 3) [Ref: 1441]	31 Dec 2015	31 Dec 2016
National Certificate in Deer Farming (Level 3) [Ref: 1442]	31 Dec 2015	31 Dec 2017
National Certificate in Sheep Farming (Sheep Breeding) (Level 3) [Ref: 1443]	31 Dec 2015	31 Dec 2016
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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 Primary ITO 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 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