

FIELD COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES**Revision of *Community Support Services* qualifications****National Certificate in Community Support Services (Residential) (Level 3)****[Ref: 1391]****National Certificate in Community Support Services (Intellectual Disability) (Level 3)****[Ref: 1397]**

Careerforce, the Community Support Services ITO Limited, has revised the qualifications listed above.

Date new versions published**October 2013**

The next reviews of these qualifications are planned to take place as part of a Mandatory Review process during 2013-2014.

Reason for the revision

The qualifications were revised to ensure they remained achievable, to allow access to updated unit standards and to remove an expiring unit standard until the mandatory review is complete.

Main changes resulting from the revision

Both qualifications contained expiring unit standard 5012. The unit standard was removed from both qualifications and unit standards 26977 and 27833 were added in its place.

An additional elective section was added to the National Certificate in Community Support Services (Residential) (Level 3) [Ref: 1391] that includes the replacement unit standards.

This was required in order to allow candidates working in different contexts to achieve the qualification. The two replacement unit standards cover the spectrum of those who assist people to move with specialist moving equipment as well as those who move people using specialist moving equipment.

National Certificate in Community Support Services (Residential) (Level 3)**[Ref: 1391]****Changes to structure and content**

- Expiring unit standard 5012 was removed from the Compulsory section.
- An additional Elective section, which included unit standards 26977 and 27833, was added to address a barrier to the achievability of the qualification.
- Unit standard details were updated to reflect changes made following their reviews.
- Overall credit requirements for the qualification were amended.

Transition

Version 3 of this qualification contains standards that replace earlier standards. For the purposes of this qualification, people who have gained credit for the expiring standards are exempt from the requirement to gain credit for the replacement standards – see table below.

Credit for	Exempt from
5012	27833
5019	23386, 23387
17029	23920, 23921
23381	25987

People working towards version 2 of this qualification can either complete that version or transfer their results to version 3.

People wishing to complete version 2 of the qualification must gain credit for expiring unit standard 5012 by 31 December 2014 or use the following reverse transition:

Version 2 of this qualification contains an expiring standard. For the purposes of this version of the qualification, people who have gained credit for the replacement standard are exempt from the requirement to gain credit for the earlier standard – see table below.

Credit for	Exempt from
27833	5012

National Certificate in Community Support Services (Intellectual Disability) (Level 3) [Ref: 1397]

Changes to structure and content

- Expiring unit standard 5012 was replaced in the Elective set by unit standards 26977 and 27833.

Transition

Version 3 of this qualification contains standards that replace earlier standards. For the purposes of this qualification, people who have gained credit for the expiring standards are exempt from the requirement to gain credit for the replacement standards – see table below.

Credit for	Exempt from
1831	23382
1838	23383
5012	27833
5019	23386, 23387
23381	25987

People working towards version 2 of this qualification can either complete that version or transfer their results to version 3.

People wishing to complete version 2 of the qualification using expiring unit standard 5012 will need to gain credit for the unit standard by 31 December 2014.

It is anticipated that no existing trainees will be disadvantaged by these transition arrangements. Any person who feels they have been disadvantaged by these transition arrangements should contact the Community Support Services ITO Limited at the address below:

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