

FIELD Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries**Review of *Agriculture* qualifications**

National Certificate in Agriculture (Introductory Skills) (Level 2) [Ref: 1433]

National Certificate in Agriculture (Level 2) (with strands in Cattle

Farming, Dairy Farming, Deer Farming, and Sheep Farming) [Ref: 1434]

National Certificate in Farming Skills (Work Ready) (Level 3) [Ref: 1509]

Primary Industry Training Organisation (Primary ITO) has completed the review of the qualifications listed above as part of the Targeted Review of Qualifications.

Replacement qualifications

New Zealand Certificate in Primary Industry Skills (Level 2) [Ref: 2218]

New Zealand Certificate in Agriculture (Farming Systems) (Level 3) [Ref: 2220]

Date new versions published**April 2014**

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

Summary of review and consultation process

The review occurred as a result of the mandatory review of Agriculture sector qualifications, 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The existing National qualifications have been replaced by New Zealand qualifications, as detailed below.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 (Introductory Skills) (Level 2) [Ref: 1433]

National Certificate in Agriculture (Level 2) with strands in Cattle Farming, Dairy Farming, Deer Farming, and Sheep Farming [Ref: 1434]

replaced by

New Zealand Certificate in Primary Industry Skills (Level 2) [Ref: 2218]

Review category	C	See Key to Qualification Review Categories at the end of report
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National Certificate in Farming Skills (Work Ready) (Level 3) [Ref: 1509]

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Transition

The last date for entry into programmes leading to the replaced qualifications is 31 December 2015.

The last date to meet the requirements of the replaced qualifications is 31 December 2017, when the qualifications will be discontinued. From that date no results can be reported against the qualifications.

People currently working towards one of the replaced qualifications may either complete the requirements by 31 December 2017 or transfer their results to the replacement qualification.

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
Category C A new (replacement) qualification is published with new NQF ID	Transition arrangements are required if candidates must gain additional/different credits for the new version
	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
Category D Qualification will expire. There is no replacement qualification	Transition may be limited to phase-out dates
	Qualification is no longer required by industry
	The qualification is designated as expiring and a last date for meeting the qualification requirements is set