FIELD AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES

Review of Agrichemical Supply qualification

National Certificate in Agrichemical Supply (Level 3) with strands in Animal Health Products, and Plant Protection Products [Ref: 0325]

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

Replacement qualification

New Zealand Certificate in Agrichemical Supply (Level 4) [Ref: 2497]

Date published

August 2014

The next review of the New Zealand qualification is planned to take place during 2018.

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 qualification in this area that would recognise graduate capabilities and provide an education pathway for trainees.

The existing national qualification has been replaced by a New Zealand qualification, as detailed below.

Main changes resulting from the review

National Certificate in Agrichemical Supply (Level 3) with strands in Animal Health Products, and Plant Protection Products [Ref: 0325] *replaced by* **New Zealand Certificate in Agrichemical Supply (Level 4) [Ref: 2497]**

Review category C See <u>Key to Qualification Review Categories</u> at the end of report
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Transition

The above national qualification has been designated expiring as a result of the review. The last date for entry into programmes leading to the qualification is 31 December 2016.

The last date to meet the requirements of the replaced qualifications is 31 December 2018 at which point the qualifications will be designated discontinued. From that date no results can be reported against the qualification.

People currently working towards the replaced qualification must complete requirements by 31 December 2018.

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	Changes are made to SSB name, contact details or purpose statement
The qualification is published as a	No change is made to title, rules or components of the qualification
new version with the same NQF ID	No transition arrangements are required
Category B	Changes are made to title, rules or components
The qualification is published as a new version with the same NQF ID	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	Significant changes are made to the qualification in terms of components, structure, type or level
published with new NQF ID	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 is no longer required by industry
Qualification will expire.	The qualification is designated as expiring and a last date for meeting the
There is no replacement qualification	qualification requirements is set