

**Field                      Manufacturing**

**Revision of *Furniture* qualification**

**National Certificate in Furniture (Level 3) with strands in Finishing, Machine Operator, Furniture Making, Frame Making, Upholstery, Upholstery Cutting, and Upholstery Sewing [Ref: 1503]**

Competenz has revised the qualification above.

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**February 2014**

**Reason for the revision**

This revision was required to provide an apprenticeship pathway for people in the furniture industry that will continue to meet the Tertiary Education Commission's (TEC) funding requirements. The TEC requirement for an apprenticeship pathway is 120 credits in total from the relevant contributing qualifications. Prior to this revision the total credits available were 117, from the combination of this qualification and the National Certificate in Furniture (Level 4) with strands in Furniture Design and Markets, Craft Finisher, Machine Setter, Furniture Maker, Advanced Upholstery, and Computer Numerical Controlled Machinery (CNC) [Ref: 1504].

Trainees that enter into an apprenticeship pathway in the furniture industry have been required to complete Unit 17602, *Apply hazard identification and risk assessment procedures in the workplace* as part of their training plan. Therefore, standard 17602 has been added to this qualification as the additional 4 credits it provides will ensure that the apprenticeship pathway continues to be available.

Industry representatives for furniture were consulted, and approved this revision.

**Main changes resulting from the revision**

Standard 17602 was added as a Core Compulsory standard, and overall credit totals for the qualification were increased accordingly. The opportunity was also taken to ensure the qualification remains achievable until its review.

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Changes to structure and content

- Standard 17602 was added as a Core Compulsory standard, and overall credit totals for the qualification were increased accordingly.
- Expiring standard 19355 was removed from Core Elective 2.
- Expiring standard 6400 was replaced by standards 26551 and 26552 in Core Elective 2 and an exemption relationship included in the transition.
- Expired standards 9801 and 9802 were removed from Machine Operator Strand Elective A.

## Transition

People working towards version 3 of this qualification may either complete the requirements for that version or transfer their results to this version. All new candidates will be enrolled into version 4 of the qualification. The last date for assessments to take place for the replaced version is 31 December 2015.

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

<b>Credit for</b>	<b>Exempt from</b>
2187	14348, 14349
2190	25576, 25577
2197	14993
2198	25533
3159	25527, 25528
6400	26551, 26552
9788	25536, 25537
9793	25538, 25539
14350, 14351	25578, 25579, 25769
14358	25580, 25581
14359	25582
14361	25584
14362	25585, 25586, 25587, 25588
14363, 14364	25589, 25590
14984	25765
14999	25547
16233	25570
18904	25550
18908	25552, 25553
20974	25591

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 Competenz at the address below. Appeals will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

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