

Field Engineering and Technology**Review of *Electricity Supply* qualification****National Certificate in Electricity Supply (Line Mechanic Distribution) (Level 4)
[Ref: 0874]**

The Infrastructure ITO (IITO) has completed the review of the qualification above.

Replacement qualification

New Zealand Certificate in Electricity Supply (Line Mechanic Distribution) (Level 4)
[Ref: 2197].

Date new version published **May 2014**

The next qualification review is planned to take place during 2018.

Summary of review and consultation process

The New Zealand Certificate in Electricity Supply (Introductory) (Level 2) [Ref: 2136] resulted from a wider review of the national electricity supply industry education pathways as part of the Targeted Review of Qualifications. The review process included an industry learning needs analysis and consultation with providers and industry.

Main changes resulting from the review

This qualification was developed to meet industry requirements and the Electrical Workers Registration Board (EWRB) requirements for registration as a Line Mechanic Distribution. It is a much larger qualification than the current Level 4 [190 credits versus 118 credits] and its focus has broadened to encompass all the knowledge skills and competencies required for EWRB registration as a Line Mechanic Distribution.

Because the electricity supply industry has significant inherent danger, mandatory unit standards have been specified in the replacement qualification. In addition, EWRB requirements for registration as a Line Mechanic Distribution are assessed by the 12 mandatory capstone unit standards in the final outcome. Unit standards for chainsaw operation are optional to provide more flexibility for assessing the varying chainsaw requirements between companies.

National Certificate in Electricity Supply (Line Mechanic Distribution) (Level 4) [Ref: 0874]
replaced by

**New Zealand Certificate in Electricity Supply (Line Mechanic Distribution) (Level 4)
[Ref: 2197]**

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This qualification has been reviewed and replaced by New Zealand Certificate in Electricity Supply (Line Mechanic Distribution) (Level 4) [Ref: 2197].

Transition

All existing trainees can complete the replaced qualification or transfer their results to the replacement qualification, bearing in mind that the replacement qualification has more unit standards and credits than the qualification that it is replacing. The last date to meet the requirements of the replaced qualification is 31 December 2016.

The start date for the new qualification will be from its publication. All new trainees will be enrolled in programmes leading to the New Zealand Certificate in Electricity Supply (Line Mechanic Distribution) (Level 4) [Ref: 2197] from 1 January 2015.

The replaced qualification contains a standard that replaced an earlier standard. For the purposes of this qualification people who have gained credit for the expiring standard are exempt from the requirement to gain credit for the replacement standard – see table below.

Credit for	Exempt from
18029	23899

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 IITO 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 NZQF 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 NZQF 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 NZQF 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