

FIELD ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY**Review of *Extractive Industries* qualifications**

National Certificate in Extractive Industries (Shotfiring) with strands in Construction Blasting, Surface Extraction, Tunnelling/Underground Metalliferous Extraction, and Underground Coal Extraction [Ref: 0391]

National Certificate in Extractive Industries (Land Operations Using Explosives) (Level 3) [Ref: 0802]

The NZ Motor Industry Training Organisation (Inc) (MITO) has completed the review of the qualifications listed above.

Replacement qualification

New Zealand Certificate in Blasting (Level 4) with strands in Land Operations, Surface (Quarry or Open-cast), Underground (Tunnelling or Metalliferous), Underground Coal, and Construction [Ref: 2424]

Date new versions published**November 2014**

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

Summary of the review and consultation process

Between 2011 and 2014, a mandatory sector review of qualifications for Blasting occurred. The review encompassed broad consultation with industry and training provider stakeholders to ensure that the new qualification meets current and future needs.

The review resulted in a recommendation that the national qualifications listed above should be replaced by a New Zealand qualification, in order to continue to meet stakeholder needs.

The replacement New Zealand qualification has now been listed, and the national qualifications will therefore be phased out.

Main changes resulting from the review

National Certificate in Extractive Industries (Shotfiring) with strands in Construction Blasting, Surface Extraction, Tunnelling/Underground Metalliferous Extraction, and Underground Coal Extraction [Ref: 0391], and
National Certificate in Extractive Industries (Land Operations Using Explosives) (Level 3) [Ref: 0802]

replaced by

New Zealand Certificate in Blasting (Level 4) with strands in Land Operations, Surface (Quarry or Open-cast), Underground (Tunnelling or Metalliferous), Underground Coal, and Construction [Ref: 2424]

Review category	C	See Key to Qualification Review Categories at the end of report
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Transition

The last date for entry into programmes leading to the replaced qualifications is 31 December 2016.

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

People currently working towards the replaced qualifications may either complete the requirements by 31 December 2017 or transfer to a programme of study or training leading 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 MITO 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
Category D Qualification will expire. There is no replacement qualification	Transition arrangements are required
	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