

FIELD COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES**Review of *Youth Work* qualifications****National Certificate in Youth Work (Youth Leadership) (Level 3) [Ref: 0669]****National Certificate in Youth Work (Level 4) [Ref: 0668]**

Community Support Services ITO Limited (Careerforce), has completed the review of the qualifications listed above.

Replacement qualifications:

New Zealand Certificate in Youth Work (Level 3) [Ref: 2448]

New Zealand Certificate in Youth Work (Level 4) [Ref: 2449]

Date new versions published**November 2014**

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

Summary of the review and consultation process

The New Zealand Certificate in Youth Work (Level 3) and the New Zealand Certificate in Youth Work (Level 4) resulted from a review of the youth work sector education and employment pathways as part of the Targeted Review of Qualifications. The review process included an analysis of industry learning needs and consultation with providers and industry. The Level 3 qualification was seen as an entry point to the youth work sector education and employment pathways. It has been developed as the introductory qualification covering generic skills and knowledge for training pathways in the youth work sector. The Level 4 qualification was seen as a progression point for education and employment pathways in the youth work sector.

Main changes resulting from the review

The changed title for the Level 3 qualification reflects the slightly broadened purpose of the qualification. This encompasses those workers involved in youth work under supervision who are not necessarily limited to 'youth leadership'. In the sector lexicon, 'youth leadership' suggests a young person working with and leading other young people. The new qualification neither precludes nor limits learners to this cohort.

The new Level 4 qualification is a smaller qualification than the qualification it replaces (80 credits versus 121 credits). The reduction in size resulted from stakeholder discussion around the duplication across the national certificates at Levels 3 and 4 and the need for the sector to be able to access a logical and reasonable education pathway.

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*replaced by***New Zealand Certificate in Youth Work (Level 3) [Ref: 2448]**

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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 2018 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 2018 or undertake a credit recognition process to have their achievements recognised in an approved programme 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 Careerforce 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
	Transition arrangements are required if candidates must gain additional/different credits for the new version
Category C A new (replacement) qualification is published with new NQF ID	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
	Transition may be limited to phase-out dates
Category D Qualification will expire. There is no replacement qualification	Qualification is no longer required by industry
	The qualification is designated as expiring and a last date for meeting the qualification requirements is set