

FIELD MANUFACTURING

Review of *Wood Manufacturing Foundation Skills* and *Wood Fibre Manufacturing* qualifications

National Certificate in Wood Manufacturing Foundation Skills (Wood Panels) (Level 2) [Ref: 1691]

National Certificate in Wood Fibre Manufacturing (Wood Panels) (Level 3) with strands in Composite Panel Preparation, Composite Panel Forming and Pressing, Composite Panel Finishing, Overlay Bonding Operations, Laminated Veneer Lumber (LVL) and Plywood Operations, and Veneer Preparation [Ref: 1309]

National Certificate in Wood Fibre Manufacturing (Wood Panels) with strands in Composite Panel Manufacturing, Overlay Bonding, and Laminated Veneer Lumber (LVL) and Plywood Manufacturing [Ref: 1310]

Competenz has completed the review of the qualifications listed above.

Replacement qualifications

New Zealand Certificate in Wood Panel Manufacturing (Level 2) [Ref: 2405]

New Zealand Certificate in Wood Panel Manufacturing (Level 3) with strands in Composite Panel Finishing; Laminated Veneer Lumber (LVL) and Plywood; Overlay Bonding; and Veneer Preparation [Ref: 2406]

New Zealand Certificate in Composite Wood Panel Manufacturing (Level 4) [Ref: 2407]

Date new versions published

October 2014

The next qualification review is planned to take place during 2019.

Summary of review and consultation process

The review occurred as a result of the mandatory review of *Wood Manufacturing Foundation Skills* and *Wood Fibre Manufacturing* qualifications, part of the Targeted Review of Qualifications (TRoQ). The mandatory review involved extensive consultation with stakeholders working in the industry. Consultation included meetings to discuss the need to review the qualifications, and subsequent meetings took place in order to consider the proposed content of the qualifications.

Industry confirmed the ongoing need for a set of qualifications in wood panel manufacturing that would recognise graduate capabilities and provide an education pathway for trainees.

The existing national qualifications have been designated expiring and two have been replaced by New Zealand qualifications (see below).

Main changes resulting from the review

'Wood Panel Manufacturing' has now been used in the titles of the new Level 2 and Level 3 qualifications; the content of these new qualifications has also been aligned with the industry requirements for new entrant employees and competent operators respectively.

Ref: 1310 will expire and not be replaced as industry did not identify a need for a supervisory qualification at this level for the wood panels sector.

Finally, a new Level 4 qualification, in Composite Wood Panel Manufacturing, has been developed which recognises the increased complexity involved in preparing, forming, and pressing processes within this sector. Qualification 1310 had been developed to deliver the bigger picture business aspects of the organization, including budgets, planning and technical troubleshooting with an intent to develop senior operator skills for 'management roles'. The industry has determined that this was not successful and has developed a technical skill qualification at Level 3 and Level 4 for their operators. This reflects the level of responsibility and oversight that these operators have, and will have, going forward.

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[Ref: 1691]

New Zealand Certificate in Wood Panel Manufacturing (Level 2) [Ref: 2405]

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Transition

People currently working towards Ref: 1691 may complete the qualification by 31 December 2018 or transfer their results to the replacement New Zealand qualification.

The last date for enrolments into Ref: 1691 is 31 December 2015. The last date for assessments to take place for this qualification is 31 December 2018.

National Certificate in Wood Fibre Manufacturing (Wood Panels) (Level 3) with strands in Composite Panel Preparation, Composite Panel Forming and Pressing, Composite Panel Finishing, Overlay Bonding Operations, Laminated Veneer Lumber (LVL) and Plywood Operations, and Veneer Preparation [Ref:1309]

New Zealand Certificate in Wood Panel Manufacturing (Level 3) with strands in Composite Panel Finishing; Laminated Veneer Lumber (LVL) and Plywood; Overlay Bonding; and Veneer Preparation [Ref: 2406]

New Zealand Certificate in Composite Wood Panel Manufacturing (Level 4) [Ref: 2407]

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Transition

People currently working towards Ref: 1309 may complete the qualification by 31 December 2018 or transfer their results to the replacement New Zealand qualifications.

The last date for enrolments into Ref: 1309 is 31 December 2015. The last date for assessments to take place for this qualification is 31 December 2018.

People wishing to complete Ref: 1309 with the Laminated Veneer Lumber (LVL) and Plywood Operations Strand will need to gain credit for expiring standard 20768 by 30 December 2015 when it expires.

National Certificate in Wood Fibre Manufacturing (Wood Panels) (Level 4) with strands in Composite Panel Manufacturing, Overlay Bonding and Laminated Veneer Lumber (LVL) and Plywood Manufacturing [Ref:1310]

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Transition

The last date for enrolments into Ref: 1310 is 31 December 2015. The last date for assessments to take place for this qualification is 31 December 2018.

It is recommended that candidates currently enrolled in the replaced National Certificates in Wood Manufacturing Foundation Skills (Wood Panels) and Wood Fibre Manufacturing (Wood Panels) that will be unable to complete the qualifications by the 31 December 2018 transfer to the New Zealand Certificates listed above.

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 Competenz 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