

FIELD AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES**Review of *Arable Farming* qualification****National Certificate in Arable Farming (Level 3) [Ref: 1439]**

The Primary Industry Training Organisation has completed the review of the qualification listed above.

Replacement qualification

New Zealand Certificate in Agriculture (Arable Production) (Level 3) [Ref: 2624]

Date new versions published**January 2015**

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

Summary of review and consultation process

The review occurred as a result of the mandatory review of agriculture sector qualifications, part of the Targeted Review of Qualifications (TRoQ). The mandatory review involved extensive consultation with stakeholders working in and with the industry. Consultation included meetings to discuss the need to review the qualifications, and subsequent meetings considered the proposed content of the qualifications.

Industry confirmed the on-going need for a qualification in this area that would recognise graduate capabilities and provide an education pathway for trainees.

The existing National qualification has been replaced by a New Zealand qualification, as detailed below.

Main changes resulting from the review

National Certificate in Arable Farming (Level 3) [Ref: 1439]

replaced by

New Zealand Certificate in Agriculture (Arable Production) (Level 3) [Ref: 2624]

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 training programmes or courses leading to the replaced qualification is 31 December 2015. The last date of assessment for the replaced qualification is 31 December 2016.

People working towards the replaced qualification must complete its requirements by 31 December 2016.

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 Primary ITO 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