

## FIELD AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES

### Review of *Animal Care and Veterinary Nursing* qualifications

National Certificate in Animal Care (Level 2) [Ref: 0241]  
 National Certificate in Greyhound Care and Training (Kennel Hand) (Level 3) [Ref: 1477]  
 National Certificate in Equine (Care and Handling) (Level 3) [Ref: 1540]  
 National Diploma in Laboratory Animal Care (Level 5) [Ref: 0245]  
 National Certificate in Veterinary Nursing (Level 5) [Ref: 0221]  
 National Diploma in Veterinary Nursing (Level 5) [Ref: 0222]

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

### Replacement and New qualifications

New Zealand Certificate in Animal Care (Fish, Horses, Companion Animals, and Lifestyle Block Animals) (Level 3) [Ref: 2487]  
 New Zealand Certificate in Animal Management (Level 4) with strands in Canine Behaviour and Training, Captive Wild Animals, and Companion Animals [Ref: 2489]  
 New Zealand Certificate in Animal Technology (Level 5) with strands in Rural Animal Technician and Veterinary Nursing Assistant [Ref: 2490]  
 New Zealand Diploma in Veterinary Nursing (Level 6) [Ref: 2491]

### Date 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 suite of qualifications in this area that would recognise graduate capabilities and provide an education pathway for trainees, and identified that some qualifications were no longer required.

The existing National qualifications have been replaced by New Zealand qualifications, as detailed below.

### Main changes resulting from the review

National Certificate in Greyhound Care and Training (Kennel Hand) (Level 3) [Ref: 1477]  
 National Certificate in Equine (Care and Handling) [Ref: 1540]  
*replaced by*  
**New Zealand Certificate in Animal Care (Fish, Horses, Companion Animals, and Lifestyle Block Animals) (Level 3) [Ref: 2487]**

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National Diploma in Laboratory animal Care (Level 5) [Ref: 0245]

National Certificate in Veterinary Nursing (Level 5) [Ref: 0221]

*replaced by*

**New Zealand Certificate in Animal Technology (Level 5) with strands in Rural Animal Technician and Veterinary Nursing Assistant [Ref: 2490]**

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National Diploma in Veterinary Nursing (Level 5) [Ref: 0222]

*replaced by*

**New Zealand Diploma in Veterinary Nursing (Level 6) [Ref: 2491]**

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National Certificate in Animal Care (Level 2) [Ref: 0241]

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New Qualification

**New Zealand Certificate in Animal Management (Level 4) with strands in Canine Behaviour and Training, Captive Wild Animals, and Companion Animals [Ref: 2489]**

## Transition

The above qualifications at level 2 to 5 have been republished to indicate they have been reviewed and will be designated expiring on 31 December 2016 from which point no new enrolments will be accepted. The last date to meet the requirements of the replaced qualifications is 31 December 2018 at which point the qualifications will be designated discontinued.

People currently working towards one of the replaced qualifications must complete its requirements by 31 December 2018.

New Zealand Diploma in Veterinary Nursing (Level 6) [Ref: 2491] has been republished to indicate it has been reviewed and will be designated expiring on 28 February 2017 from which point no new enrolments will be accepted. The last date to meet the requirements of the replaced qualifications is 31 December 2019 at which point the qualifications will be designated discontinued.

## Key to Qualification Review Categories

<b>Category A</b> 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
<b>Category B</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
<b>Category C</b> A new (replacement) qualification is	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

published with new NQF ID	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
<b>Category D</b> 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