

FIELD AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES

Review of *Irrigation* qualifications

National Certificate in Irrigation (Evaluation) (Level 4) [Ref: 1127]

National Certificate in Irrigation (Design) (Level 5) [Ref: 1467]

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

Replacement and new qualifications

New Zealand Certificate in Irrigation System Performance Assessment (Level 4)
[Ref: 2555]

New Zealand Certificate in Irrigation System Management (Level 4) [Ref: 2556]

New Zealand Certificate in Irrigation System Design (Level 5) [Ref: 2557]

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 suite of qualifications in this area that would recognise graduate capabilities and provide an education pathway for trainees.

The existing National qualifications have been replaced by New Zealand qualifications, as detailed below.

Main changes resulting from the review

National Certificate in Irrigation (Evaluation) (Level 4) [Ref: 1127]

replaced by

**New Zealand Certificate in Irrigation System Performance Assessment (Level 4)
[Ref: 2555]**

Review category	C	See Key to Qualification Review Categories at the end of report
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National Certificate in Irrigation (Design) (Level 5) [Ref: 1467]

replaced by

New Zealand Certificate in Irrigation System Design (Level 5) [Ref: 2557]

Transition

The last date for entry to programmes leading to the replaced qualifications is 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 2019 at which point the qualifications will be designated discontinued. From that date no results can be reported against the qualifications.

People currently working towards one of the replaced qualifications must complete all requirements by 31 December 2019.

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 the 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