

FIELD MANUFACTURING

Review of Furniture qualifications

National Certificate in Furniture (Level 2) with strands in Introductory Furniture Finishing Skills, Introductory Furniture Making Skills, and Introductory Upholstery Skills [Ref:1502]

National Certificate in Furniture (Level 3) with strands in Finishing, Machine Operator, Furniture Making, Frame Making, Upholstery, Upholstery Cutting, and Upholstery Sewing [Ref:1503]

National Certificate in Furniture (Level 4) with strands in Furniture Design and Markets, Craft Finisher, Machine Setter, Furniture Maker, Advanced Upholstery, and Computer Numerical Controlled Machinery (CNC) [Ref:1504]

These qualifications were part of the Allied Trades/Carpentry/Joinery Mandatory review, triggered by NZQA in the second quarter of 2012. BCITO took overall responsibility for the coordination of the review and established an Allied Trades Strategic Governance Group to carry out the governance function. FITEC (now Competenz) took responsibility for reviewing qualifications identified by NZQA for inclusion in this review.

Replacement qualifications

New Zealand Certificate in Furniture (Level 2) with strands in Cabinetmaking, Furniture Finishing, and Upholstery [Ref: 2780]

New Zealand Certificate in Furniture (Level 3) with strands in Cabinetmaking, Furniture Finishing, and Upholstery [Ref: 2781]

New Zealand Certificate in Furniture (Level 4) with strands in Cabinetmaking, Computer Numerical Controlled Machinery (CNC), Furniture Finishing, and Upholstery [Ref: 2782]

Date new versions published

Month 20xx

The next qualification review is planned to take place during December 2020

Summary of review and consultation process

During 2012, as part of the Targeted Review of Qualifications (TRoQ) a mandatory sector review of Allied trades/Carpentry/Joinery qualifications occurred. The Allied Trades/Carpentry/Joinery governance group agreed at the scoping stage that the furniture qualifications should stand alone and requested Competenz to complete the review.

The mandatory review involved extensive consultation with industry and training provider stakeholders to ensure that the new qualifications meet current and future needs. Consultation included meetings to design a new qualification suite, and subsequent meetings to develop the proposed content of the new qualifications.

Industry confirmed the on-going need for a set of qualifications in Furniture that would recognise graduate capabilities and provide an education pathway for learners.

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

Main changes resulting from the review

The strands on all qualifications have been simplified and renamed to cover the three broad areas of expertise in furniture - cabinet making, furniture finishing and upholstery.

The level 4 qualification continues to contain an additional strand for CNC, and has been further developed to allow for New Zealand Apprenticeships in Cabinet Making and Furniture Finishing.

National Certificate in Furniture (Level 2) with strands in Introductory Furniture Finishing Skills, Introductory Furniture Making Skills, and Introductory Upholstery Skills [Ref:1502]

Replaced by:

New Zealand Certificate in Furniture (Level 2) with strands in Cabinetmaking, Furniture Finishing, and Upholstery [Ref: 2780]

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National Certificate in Furniture (Level 3) with strands in Finishing, Machine Operator, Furniture Making, Frame Making, Upholstery, Upholstery Cutting, and Upholstery Sewing [Ref:1503]

Replaced by:

New Zealand Certificate in Furniture (Level 3) with strands in Cabinetmaking, Furniture Finishing, and Upholstery [Ref: 2781]

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National Certificate in Furniture (Level 4) with strands in Furniture Design and Markets, Craft Finisher, Machine Setter, Furniture Maker, Advanced Upholstery, and Computer Numerical Controlled Machinery (CNC) [Ref:1504]

Replaced by:

New Zealand Certificate in Furniture (Level 4) with strands in Cabinetmaking, Computer Numerical Controlled Machinery (CNC), Furniture Finishing, and Upholstery [Ref: 2782]

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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 will be 31 December 2019 when the qualifications will be discontinued. From that date no results can be reported against the replaced qualifications.

People currently working towards the replaced qualifications may either complete the requirements by 31 December 2019 or transfer their results to the replacement qualifications.

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 N3QF 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 N3QF 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