

FIELD Planning and Construction**Review of *Plumbing, Gasfitting and Drainlaying* Qualifications**

National Certificate in Plumbing, Gasfitting and Drainlaying (Introduction) (Level 2) [Ref: 1488]

National Certificate in Drainlaying (Installation) (Level 4) [Ref: 0077]

National Certificate in Gasfitting [Ref: 0201]

National Certificate in Plumbing [Ref: 0202]

The Skills Organisation has completed the review of the qualification listed above.

Replacement qualifications

New Zealand Certificate in Plumbing, Gasfitting and Drainlaying (Level 3) [Ref: 2660]

New Zealand Certificate in Drainlaying (Level 4) [Ref: 2661]

New Zealand Certificate in Gasfitting (Level 4) [Ref: 2662]

New Zealand Certificate in Plumbing (Level 4) [Ref: 2663]

Date new versions published**June 2015**

The next qualification review, of the New Zealand qualifications, is planned to take place by 31 December 2020.

Summary of review and consultation process

During 2012 and 2013, a mandatory sector review of qualifications in the Plumbing, Gasfitting and Drainlaying sector occurred. The review encompassed broad consultation with industry and training provider stakeholders to ensure that the new qualifications meet current and future needs. The review resulted in the recommendation that the national qualification suite listed above should be replaced by a suite of New Zealand qualifications. The replacement New Zealand qualifications have now been registered, and the national qualifications will therefore be phased out.

Main changes resulting from the review***Expiring qualification***

National Certificate in Plumbing, Gasfitting and Drainlaying (Introduction) (Level 2) [Ref: 1488]

Review category	D	See Key to Qualification Review Categories at the end of report
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This qualification is set to expire with no replacement.

New qualification

New Zealand Certificate in Plumbing, Gasfitting and Drainlaying (Level 3) [Ref: 2660]

Review category	C	See Key to Qualification Review Categories at the end of report
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This does not replace any national or local qualifications.

Replaced qualifications

National Certificate in Drainlaying (Installation) (Level 4) [Ref: 0077]

replaced by

New Zealand Certificate in Drainlaying (Level 4) [Ref: 2661]

Review category	C	See Key to Qualification Review Categories at the end of report
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National Certificate in Gasfitting [Ref: 0201]

replaced by

New Zealand Certificate in Gasfitting (Level 4) [Ref: 2662]

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National Certificate in Plumbing [Ref: 0202]

replaced by

New Zealand Certificate in Plumbing (Level 4) [Ref: 2663]

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Transition

The last date for entry into programmes leading to the replaced qualifications [Ref: 0077, 0201, 0202] is 31 December 2017, when the replaced qualifications will be designated expiring.

The last date to meet the requirements of the replaced qualifications will be 31 December 2022 when the qualifications will be discontinued. From that date no results can be reported against the qualifications.

People currently working towards one of the replaced qualifications may either complete the requirements by 31 December 2022 or transfer their results to the replacement qualification.

These qualifications contain expiring unit standards (6400, 6401, 6402) which will be reinstated by 31 December 2015.

Ref: 1488 contains a standard that has expired and been replaced by another standard. For the purposes of this qualification people who have gained credit for the replacement standard are exempt from the requirement to gain credit for the expired standard – see table below.

Credit for	Exempt from
25662	5941

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 Skills Organisation at the address below:

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 Telephone 0508 SKILLS (0508 754 557)
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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