

QUALIFICATION CHANGE REPORT

FIELD **Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries**
SUBFIELDS **Rural Contracting, Agricultural Contracting**

Review of *Agricultural Contracting* Qualification

National Certificate in Agricultural Contracting with optional strands in Crop Production, Fencing, Harvesting, Land Development, Mechanical Vegetation Control, Transport, and Zero Tillage (Level 3) [Ref:0230]

Infrastructure ITO has completed the mandatory review of the qualification listed above.

Replacement qualification

New Zealand Certificate in Rural Contracting with strands in Crop Production, Harvesting, and Vegetation Control (Level 3).

Date new versions published

July 2015

The next qualification review is planned to take place prior to the 31 December 2020.

Summary of review and consultation process

The mandatory review of this qualification formed part of the wider review of Infrastructure Works which began in April 2012. A focussed Working Group for Rural Contracting was formed which completed the qualification review in December 2014.

The review process included broad consultation with industry and providers spanning a range of subsectors within infrastructure works, to ensure that the new qualification would meet current and future needs, and resulted in the recommendation that the National Certificate in Agricultural Contracting with optional strands in Crop Production, Fencing, Harvesting, Land Development, Mechanical Vegetation Control, Transport, and Zero Tillage (Level 3) [Ref:0230] be replaced by the New Zealand Certificate in Rural Contracting with strands in Crop Production, Harvesting, and Vegetation Control (Level 3) [Ref: 2728]

Main changes resulting from the review

National Certificate in Agricultural Contracting with optional strands in Crop Production, Fencing, Harvesting, Land Development, Mechanical Vegetation Control, Transport, and Zero Tillage (Level 3) [Ref:0230]

New Zealand Certificate in Rural Contracting with strands in Crop Production, Harvesting, and Vegetation Control (Level 3) [Ref: 2728]

Review category	C	See Key to Qualification Review Categories at the end of report
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The last date for entry into programmes leading to the replaced qualification is 31 December 2016. The last date of assessment for the replaced national qualification is December 2018. People working towards the replaced qualification may either meet the requirements by 31 December 2018 or transfer their results to the New Zealand replacement qualification. However, there are significant differences between the new and

replaced qualification, and it is recommended that candidates complete the qualification in which they are enrolled.

It is anticipated that no existing candidates will be disadvantaged by these transition arrangements. However, anyone who feels that they have been disadvantaged should contact Infrastructure ITO at the address below:

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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