

**FIELD      ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY****Review of the Electricity Supply qualifications**

**National Certificate in Electricity Supply (Line Mechanic Transmission) (Level 4) with optional strands in Optional Work Skills (W1(O)), and Optional De-energised Work Skills (E3) [Ref: 1389]**

Connexis has completed the mandatory review of the qualification listed above.

**Replacement qualification**

New Zealand Certificate in Electricity Supply (Transmission Line Maintenance) (Level 4) with strands in Line Mechanics and Structure Maintenance [Ref: 2705]

**Date new versions published****June 2015**

The next review of the replacement qualification is planned to take place during 2020.

**Summary of review and consultation process**

The review of the above qualification formed part of the electricity supply suite Targeted Review of Qualifications which was triggered in 2012.

The review process included an initial consultation meeting and further working group meetings with mandatory stakeholders, including providers and key industry representatives, within the transmission line maintenance area of the electricity supply industry. An industry learning needs analysis was developed; including a qualification framework with more clearly defined pathways for the electricity supply industry.

**Main changes resulting from the review**

New Zealand Certificate in Electricity Supply (Transmission Line Maintenance) (Level 4) with strands in Line Mechanics and Structure Maintenance [Ref: 2705] was developed to meet the needs of the transmission sector. The qualification allows for trainees in the sector to progress to either line mechanic roles on transmission lines, or the structure maintenance roles for the maintenance of electricity supply structures that are part of the transmission network. Trainees enrolled in the new qualification will need to complete one of the strands in order to achieve the qualification.

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*replaced by*

**New Zealand Certificate in Electricity Supply (Transmission Line Maintenance) (Level 4) with strands in Line Mechanics and Structure Maintenance [Ref: 2705]**

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The replaced qualification contains an expiring unit standard for which a replacement unit standard has now been registered. For the purposes of this qualification, people who have gained credit for the replacement unit standard are exempt from the requirement to gain credit for the expiring unit standard.

Credit for	Exempt from
28112	10510

The last date for entry into training programmes or a course for the replaced qualifications is 31 December 2016. The last date of assessment for the replaced qualifications is 31 December 2018

People currently working towards achievement of the replaced qualification may either complete the requirements for the said qualification or transfer their results to the New Zealand qualification. However, there are substantial differences between the new and replaced qualifications, and it is recommended that candidates complete the qualification in which they are enrolled. For assistance please contact Connexis at the contact details given below.

Any person who feels disadvantaged by these transition arrangements should contact Connexis at the address below.

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### 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
	Transition arrangements are required if candidates must gain additional/different credits for the new version
<b>Category C</b> 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
<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

