

FIELD Community and Social Services**Review of *Hearing Therapy* qualification****National Diploma in Hearing Therapy [Ref: 1007]**

Community Support Services ITO Limited (Careerforce) has completed the review of the qualification listed above.

Replacement qualification

New Zealand Diploma in Hearing Therapy (Level 6) [Ref: 2859]

Date new versions published**21 May 2015**

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

Summary of the review and consultation process

The New Zealand Diploma in Hearing Therapy (Level 6) [Ref: 2859] resulted from a review of sensory therapy education and employment pathways as part of the Targeted Review of Qualifications (TRoQ). The review process included an analysis of industry learning needs and consultation with providers and industry. The need for a Hearing Therapy qualification was agreed by industry and the review process indicated that this should be at level 6. It has been developed as the specialist qualification covering the skills and knowledge required by hearing therapists.

Main changes resulting from the review

The new qualification sits at level 6 on the NZQF, recognising that hearing therapists require specialised technical and theoretical knowledge and skills in order to carry out their role. The replaced qualification sat at level 5 on the NZQF.

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replaced by

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Review category	C	See Key to Qualification Review Categories at the end of report
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Transition

People currently working towards the replaced qualification can either complete the requirements by 31 December 2019 or undertake a credit recognition process to have their achievements recognised in an approved programme leading to the replacement qualification.

The last date for entry into programmes leading to the replaced qualification will be 31 December 2016.

The last date for award of the replaced qualification is 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 Careerforce 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