

FIELD SCIENCES**Review of *Conservation* qualifications:****National Certificate in Conservation (Trainee Ranger) [Ref: 0642]****National Certificate in Conservation [Ref: 0797]****National Certificate in Parks and Recreation (Park Ranger) [Ref: 1475]**

The Skills Organisation in consultation with Skills Active Aotearoa Limited has completed the review of the qualifications listed above.

Date new versions published**November 2015**

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

Summary of review and consultation process

During 2013 - 2015, a mandatory sector review of qualifications in the Conservation sector occurred. The review encompassed broad consultation with industry and tertiary education organisation stakeholders to ensure that the proposed qualifications meet current and future needs.

The review resulted in a recommendation that the national qualifications listed above should be replaced by New Zealand qualifications, in order to continue to meet stakeholder needs.

The replacement New Zealand qualifications have now been listed, and the national qualifications will therefore be phased out.

Main changes resulting from the review

The National Certificate in Conservation (Trainee Ranger) [Ref: 0642]

National Certificate in Conservation [Ref: 0797]

National Certificate in Parks and Recreation (Park Ranger) [Ref: 1475]

*replaced by***New Zealand Certificate in Conservation (Operations) (Level 4) [Ref: 2963]**

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Transition

The last date for entry into programmes leading to the replaced qualifications; National Certificate in Conservation (Trainee Ranger) [Ref: 0642], and National Certificate in Conservation [Ref: 0797] is 31 December 2016.

The last date for entry into programmes leading to the replaced National Certificate in Parks and Recreation (Park Ranger) (Level 3) [Ref: 1475] is 31 December 2018.

The last date for assessment against the replaced qualifications is 31 December 2020 when the qualifications will be discontinued. From that date no results can be reported against the qualifications.

It is recommended that candidates currently enrolled in programmes leading to the replaced qualifications and unable to complete by 31 December 2020 transfer their existing achievement to the replacement qualification.

It is anticipated that no existing candidates will be disadvantaged by these transition arrangements. However, anyone who feels that they have been disadvantaged with regard to [Ref: 0642] or [Ref: 0797] may appeal to The Skills Organisation or for [Ref: 1475] to Skills Active Aotearoa Limited 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