

FIELD MANUFACTURING**Review of Competitive Manufacturing qualifications**

National Certificate in Competitive Manufacturing with strands in Introductory Application, and Technical Application [Ref: 1215]

National Certificate in Competitive Manufacturing (Level 4) with an optional strand in Facilitation [Ref: 1216]

National Diploma in Competitive Manufacturing [Ref: 1458]

Competenz has completed the review of the qualifications listed above.

Replacement qualifications

New Zealand Certificate in Competitive Systems and Practices (Level 3) [Ref: 2998]

New Zealand Certificate in Competitive Systems and Practices (Level 4) [Ref: 2999]

New Zealand Diploma in Competitive Systems and Practices (Level 5) [Ref: 3000]

Date new versions published**October 2015**

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

Summary of review and consultation process

The review occurred as a result of the mandatory review of Manufacturing qualifications, part of the Targeted Review of Qualifications (TRoQ). The review involved extensive consultation with stakeholders and providers working in the industry. Consultation included meetings to discuss the need for, and structure of, the proposed new qualifications, and subsequent meetings considered the content of the qualifications.

Industry confirmed the on-going need for a set of qualifications in competitive systems and practices that would recognise graduate capabilities and provide an education pathway for learners, and further chose to widen the scope of the qualifications to make them more accessible to other industries (outside of manufacturing) wishing to implement lean principles and practices.

The existing National qualifications have been replaced by New Zealand qualifications, as detailed below.

Main changes resulting from the review

The strands on the Level 2, 3 and 4 qualifications have been removed and Levels confirmed in line with NZQA's Level descriptors. Qualification titles have been changed to "Competitive Systems and Practices" to reflect the widening of scope as above.

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Replaced by:

New Zealand Certificate in Competitive Systems and Practices (Level 3) [Ref: 2998]

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National Certificate in Competitive Manufacturing (Level 4) with an optional strand in Facilitation [Ref: 1216]

Replaced by:

New Zealand Certificate in Competitive Systems and Practices (Level 4) [Ref: 2999]

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National Diploma in Competitive Manufacturing [Ref: 1458]

Replaced by:

New Zealand Diploma in Competitive Systems and Practices (Level 5) [Ref: 3000]

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Transition

The last date for entry into the replaced qualifications is 31 December 2017.

The last date for award of the replaced qualifications is 31 December 2019.

It is recommended that candidates currently enrolled in the replaced National Certificates in Competitive Manufacturing, who will be unable to complete the qualifications by the 31 December 2019, transfer to the New Zealand Certificates listed above.

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 Competenz 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