

## FIELD            COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES

### Review of *Civil Defence* qualifications

**National Certificate in Civil Defence (Response) (Level 3) [Ref: 0327]**

**National Certificate in Civil Defence (Response) (Level 2) [Ref: 1447]**

The Fire and Rescue Services Industry Training Organisation (trading as EMQUAL) has reviewed the mandatory review of the qualifications listed above.

The Skills Organisation took over the Qualification Developer and Standard Setting role in 2015, and saw this review through to completion.

### Replacement qualifications

New Zealand Certificate in Emergency Response (Level 2) with strands in Aviation Rescue Fire Fighting, Civil Defence Emergency Management, Urban Fire and Rescue Operations, and Workplace Response [Ref: 3021]

New Zealand Certificate in Civil Defence Emergency Management (Response) (Level 4) [Ref: 3019]

### Date new versions published

**January 2016**

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

### Summary of Review and Consultation Process

The Civil Defence qualifications have been reviewed as part of the Targeted Review of Qualifications (TRoQ) process. This review included extensive consultation with industry stakeholders, who acted as members of: review working groups, the industry technical advisory group, or the review governance group. They established that there was a need for these qualifications, and endorsed their registration.

### Main changes resulting from the review

National Certificate in Civil Defence (Response) (Level 2) [Ref: 1447]

*replaced by*

**New Zealand Certificate in Emergency Response (Level 2) with strands in Aviation Rescue Fire Fighting, Civil Defence Emergency Management, Urban Fire and Rescue Operations, and Workplace Response [Ref: 3021]**

Review category	<b>C</b>	See <a href="#">Key to Qualification Review Categories</a> at the end of report
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### Transition

As the new certificates reflect current and future training needs it is the industry's and SSB's preference and recommendation for trainees to enter into programmes leading to

the New Zealand Qualifications.

Trainees currently enrolled in programmes leading to the **replaced** qualification may either complete the requirements by 31 December 2019 or transfer to the relevant new qualification.

The last date for entry into programmes leading to the replaced qualifications is 31 December 2017. The last date for award of the replaced qualifications is 31 December 2019 at which time they will be designated as **discontinued**.

It is the intention of The Skills Organisation that no existing trainee should be disadvantaged by these transition arrangements. Any person who considers they have been disadvantaged may appeal to:

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Email [reviewcomments@skills.org.nz](mailto:reviewcomments@skills.org.nz)

### 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