

FIELD EDUCATION EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE

Review of *Early Childhood Education and Care* and *Pacific Islands Early Childhood Education* qualifications

National Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 3) [Ref: 0403]
 National Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 5) [Ref: 0430]
 National Certificate in Pacific Islands Early Childhood Education (Level 4) [Ref: 1269]
 National Certificate in Pacific Islands Early Childhood Education (Pasifika Management) (Level 6) [Ref: 0982]

NZQA National Qualifications Services has completed the review of the qualifications listed above, as part of the mandatory review of Early Childhood Education (ECE) qualifications, which included Pacific Islands Early Childhood Education (PIECE) qualifications.

Replacement qualifications

New Zealand Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 3) [Ref: 2849]
 New Zealand Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 4) [Ref: 2850]
 New Zealand Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 5) [Ref: 2851]
 New Zealand Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 6) [Ref: 2852]

New qualification

New Zealand Certificate in Early Childhood Learning and Care (Level 2) [Ref: 2848]

Date new versions published

February 2016

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

Summary of review and consultation process

This review follows the development of New Zealand qualifications in Early Childhood Education (ECE), as part of the mandatory review of ECE qualifications. The mandatory review included all ECE qualifications at Levels 2 – 6 on the New Zealand Qualifications Framework.

The mandatory review involved broad consultation with the sector, including notification of the intention to expire the National qualifications as part of the mandatory qualifications review process. Stakeholders confirmed the ongoing need for qualifications in these areas that would recognise graduate capabilities and provide education pathways.

The existing National Certificates [Refs: 0403, 0430 and 1269] and National Diploma [Ref: 0982] have each been designated Category C and replaced by New Zealand qualifications, as detailed below.

Main changes resulting from the review

National Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 3) [Ref: 0403]
 replaced by

New Zealand Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 3) [Ref: 2849]

Review category	C	See Key to Qualification Review Categories at the end of report
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National Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 5) [Ref: 0430]
replaced by

New Zealand Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 5) [Ref: 2851]

Review category	C	See Key to Qualification Review Categories at the end of report
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National Certificate in Pacific Islands Early Childhood Education (Level 4) [Ref: 1269]
replaced by

New Zealand Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 4) [Ref: 2850]

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National Certificate in Pacific Islands Early Childhood Education (Pasifika Management)
(Level 6) [Ref: 0982]
replaced by

New Zealand Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 6) [Ref: 2852]

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Transition

The last date for entry into programmes leading to the existing National qualifications is 31 December 2017, with a last date for assessment of the qualifications of 31 December 2019.

Candidates enrolled in programmes leading to the National Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 3) [Ref: 0403], the National Certificate in Early Childhood Education and Care (Level 5) [Ref: 0430], the National Certificate in Pacific Islands Early Childhood Education (Level 4) [Ref: 1269], or the National Certificate in Pacific Islands Early Childhood Education (Pasifika Management) (Level 6) [Ref: 0982] may choose to complete the requirements by December 2019 or transfer their achievement to the replacement qualifications.

People should not be enrolled in programmes leading to the award of these qualifications unless there is sufficient time available to complete the programme and be awarded the qualification before it expires.

It is the intention of the qualification developer that no existing learner should be disadvantaged by these transition arrangements. Any person who considers they have been disadvantaged may contact the existing qualification owner at the address below.

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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