

**FIELD            Electrical Engineering****Review of *Switchgear Fitter* Qualification**

National Certificate in Electrical Engineering (Switchgear Fitter) (Level 3) [Ref: 0933].

The Skills Organisation has completed the review of the qualification listed above.

**Replacement qualification**

New Zealand Certificate in Electrical Engineering (Switchgear Fitting) (Level 4) with an optional Electrical Installer strand [Ref: 3470].

**Date new versions published****July 2016**

The next qualification review is planned to take place by 31 December 2021.

**Summary of review and consultation process**

A sector review of the qualifications in the Electrotechnology sector took place in 2011. The review included 19 other qualification developers – regulating bodies, industry representatives and training providers – within this sector to ensure that the new qualification would meet current and future needs.

As a result of this review it was recommended that the National Certificate in Electrical Engineering (Switchgear Fitter) (Level 3) [Ref: 0933] be replaced by the New Zealand Certificate in Electrical Engineering (Switchgear Fitting) (Level 4) with an optional Electrical Installer strand [Ref: 3470].

The replacement New Zealand qualification has been registered and the National qualification has been designated expiring.

**Main changes resulting from the review**

National Certificate in Electrical Engineering (Switchgear Fitter) (Level 3) [Ref: 0933];  
*replaced by*

**New Zealand Certificate in Electrical Engineering (Switchgear Fitting) (Level 4) with an optional Electrical Installer strand [Ref: 3470].**

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

The last date for entry into programmes leading to the replaced qualification is 31 December 2018. The last date to meet the requirements of the replaced qualification is 31 December 2020. People working towards the replaced qualification may either complete the requirements by 31 December 2020 or transfer their results 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 may appeal to The Skills Organisation at the address below:

The Skills Organisation

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### Key to Qualification Review Categories

<b>Category A</b> The qualification is published as a new version with the same NZQF 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 NZQF 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 NZQF 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