

FIELD **Health**

Review of *Ambulance* qualifications

National Diploma in Ambulance Practice (Level 5) [Ref: 1408].

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

Replacement qualification

New Zealand Diploma in Ambulance Practice (Level 5) [Ref: 3065].

Date new versions published

March 2016

The review of the New Zealand qualification is planned to take place during 2020.

Summary of review and consultation process

During 2014, a mandatory sector review of qualifications in the Healthcare sector occurred. The review encompassed broad consultation with sector and tertiary education organisation stakeholders to ensure that the new qualification meets current and future needs.

The review resulted in a recommendation that the national qualification listed above should be replaced by a New Zealand Level 5 qualification, in order to meet stakeholder needs.

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

The sector review of Healthcare qualifications also resulted in the recommendation for development of a Level 3 qualification to support the pathway.

Main changes resulting from the review

National Diploma in Ambulance Practice [Ref: 1408]

replaced by

New Zealand Certificate in Diploma in Ambulance Practice (Level 5) [Ref:3065]

Review category	C	See Key to Qualification Review Categories at the end of report
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New Qualification

New Zealand Certificate in Emergency Care (First Response) (Level 3) [Ref: 3063].

Transition

The last date for entry into programmes leading to the replaced qualification is 31 December 2017, when the replaced qualification will be designated expiring.

The last date to meet the requirements of the replaced qualification is 31 December 2019, when it will be discontinued. From that date no results can be reported against the qualification.

People currently working towards the replaced qualification must complete the requirements by 31 December 2019.

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. 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 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
Category 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
Category C 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
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