

**FIELD            Agriculture, Environmental and Related Studies****Review of *Horticulture* qualification**

New Zealand Certificate in Horticulture Production (Level 4) with strands in Fruit Production, Indoor Production, Outdoor Vegetable Production, Nursery Production, Post-Harvest (Level 4) [Ref: 2676]

**Summary of review and consultation process**

Whilst developing programmes leading towards the qualification listed above, it was decided that that credit values for the Outdoor Vegetable Production strand were too high.

The decision to reduce the credits for this strand was made in consultation with the Primary ITO Outdoor Vegetable Industry Partnership Group.

All providers with consent to assess Horticulture at Level 4 were informed of this change and given the opportunity to express concern/give feedback.

**Main changes resulting from the review**

Graduate Outcome 9 was reduced from 50 to 35 credits.  
The overall credits for the Outdoor Vegetable Production strand were reduced from 175 to 160 credits.

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

Version 1 of the qualification is not expiring. Candidates who are enrolled in Version 1 of this qualification can complete it.

It is anticipated that no existing candidates will be disadvantaged by these qualification changes. However, anyone who feels that they have been disadvantaged may appeal to Primary ITO at the address below. Appeals will be considered on a case by case basis.

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## 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