

**FIELD                    COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES****Review of *Recreation and Sport* qualification**

**National Certificate in Recreation and Sport (Aquatics) (Level 3) with strands in Pool Lifeguard, Swim Education, and Pool Operations [Ref: 1697]**

Skills Active Aotearoa Ltd. has completed the mandatory review of the qualification above.

**Replacement qualification**

New Zealand Certificate in Aquatics (Level 3) with strands in Pool Lifeguard, Swim and Water Safety Teacher, and Aquafitness Instructor [Ref: 3503].

**Date published****October 2016**

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

**Summary of review and consultation process**

The National Certificate in Recreation and Sport (Aquatics) (Level 3) with strands in Pool Lifeguard, Swim Education, and Pool Operations [Ref:1697] has been reviewed as part of the Targeted Review of Qualifications (TRoQ) process during 2013 to 2016. The mandatory review involved extensive consultation with stakeholders working across the Aquatics industry.

The existing national qualification has been replaced as part of a suite of New Zealand qualifications, as detailed below.

**Main changes resulting from the review**

National Certificate in Recreation and Sport (Aquatics) (Level 3) with strands in Pool Lifeguard, Swim Education, and Pool Operations [Ref:1697].

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**New Zealand Certificate in Aquatics (Level 3) with strands in Pool Lifeguard, Swim and Water Safety Teacher, and Aquafitness Instructor [Ref: 3503].**

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There are three new qualifications:

**New Zealand Certificate in Aquatics (Senior Pool Lifeguard) (Level 4) [Ref: 3506]**

**New Zealand Certificate in Aquatics (Specialised Swim and Water Safety Teacher) (Level 4) with strands in Early Childhood Swimmers, Adult Swimmers, Adaptive Aquatics, and Stroke Mechanics [Ref: 3507]**

**New Zealand Certificate in Aquatic Treatment Systems (Level 4) [Ref: 3504]**

## 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 for assessment of the replaced qualification is 31 December 2019, at which time it will be designated as discontinued.

People currently working towards the replaced qualification may either complete the requirements by 31 December 2019 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 Skills Active Aotearoa at the address below:

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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