

**FIELD            HEALTH****Review of *Occupational Health and Safety* qualifications**

**National Certificate in Occupational Health and Safety (Workplace Safety) (Level 1)**  
**[Ref: 1111]**

**National Certificate in Occupational Health and Safety (Workplace Safety) (Level 3)**  
**[Ref: 0801]**

**National Certificate in Occupational Health and Safety (Co-ordination) (Level 4)**  
**[Ref: 0944]**

The Skills Organisation and various stakeholders within the Workplace Health and Safety sector have reviewed the qualifications listed above.

**Summary of review and consultation process**

In 2011, NZITO began the review of the Occupational Health and Safety qualifications as part of the targeted review process required by NZQA. This process was passed over to The Skills Organisation in 2014 to continue through to completion. The review of the industry skill requirements for Workplace Health and Safety involved a range of industry stakeholders including industry training organisations, polytechnics, private training establishments, industry specific experts, subject matter experts and government departments.

The review was based on feedback received from stakeholders after a sector wide consultation process. This has resulted in the following New Zealand qualifications:

- New Zealand Certificate in Workplace Health and Safety Practice (Level 3) [Ref: 3533]
- New Zealand Certificate in Workplace Health and Safety Practice (Level 4) [Ref: 3534]

It should be noted that further development for the proposed Level 5 and the Level 6 qualifications will continue throughout 2016. For more information on this review process, please contact The Skills Organisation using the information provided in the report below.

**Main changes resulting from the review**

National Certificate in Occupational Health and Safety (Workplace Safety) (Level 1) [Ref: 1111]

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National Certificate in Occupational Health and Safety (Workplace Safety) (Level 3) [Ref: 0801]

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National Certificate in Occupational Health and Safety (Coordination) (Level 4) [Ref: 0944]

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## Transition

The above qualifications have been reviewed and have been designated expiring without replacement. No new enrolments will be accepted after 31 December 2018. The last date to meet the requirements of the replaced qualifications is 31 December 2020 at which point the qualifications will be discontinued.

The replacement qualifications are substantially different in design and content to the National Certificates. Therefore, it is recommended candidates currently enrolled in programmes leading to the national certificates complete their existing programme by 31 December 2020.

Please note that unit standards 26551 and 26552 in the elective sections of the National Certificate in Occupational Health and Safety (Workplace Safety) (Level 1) [Ref: 1111] and the National Certificate in Occupational Health and Safety (Workplace Safety) (Level 3) [Ref: 0801] discontinue in 31 December 2019. Candidates intending to meet the requirements of the elective sections using these two standards must do so before this date.

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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 Auckland 1345  
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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
<b>Category C</b> A new (replacement) qualification is published with new NZQF ID	Transition arrangements are required if candidates must gain additional/different credits for the new version
	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
<b>Category D</b> Qualification will expire. There is no replacement qualification	Transition may be limited to phase-out dates
	Qualification is no longer required by industry
	The qualification is designated as expiring and a last date for meeting the qualification requirements is set