

**FIELD            Community and Social Services****Expiry of *Community and Social Services* qualifications**

**National Diploma in Fire and Rescue Services (Vegetation Fire Fighting – Management) (Level 5) [Ref: 0780];**

**National Diploma in Fire and Rescue Services (Urban Fire and Rescue Operations) (Level 5) [Ref: 1134];**

**National Certificate in Fire and Rescue Services (Vegetation) (Level 5) [Ref: 1184];**

**National Certificate in Specialist Rescue (Rope Technician) (Level 3) [Ref: 1198];**

**National Certificate in Specialist Rescue (Rope Instructor) (Level 4) [Ref: 1200].**

**National Certificate in Civil Defence Management (Level 5) [Ref: 0328];**

**National Diploma in Workplace Emergency Risk Management (Building Fire and Emergency Manager) (Level 5) [Ref: 0736];**

**National Certificate in Urban Search and Rescue - Operations (Level 3) with strands in Canine Search Specialist, Response Leader, Response Medic, Rope Operations, Technician, and Training) [Ref: 1114];**

**National Certificate in Fire and Rescue Services (Vegetation) (Level 6) [Ref: 1185];**

**National Certificate in Specialist Rescue (Confined Space Technician) (Level 3) [Ref: 1199];**

The Skills Organisation (Skills) has reviewed the qualifications listed above.

These qualifications were considered as part of the 2015 Targeted Review of Qualifications (TRoQ) for the Emergency Services Sector conducted by the Fire and Rescue Services Training Organisation (EMQUAL).

**Reason for the review**

The National Certificates listed above were reviewed because of the Targeted Review of Qualifications (TRoQ).

**Main changes resulting from the review**

The following qualifications have been set to expire and have not been replaced:

- National Diploma in Fire and Rescue Services (Vegetation Fire Fighting – Management) (Level 5) [Ref: 0780]
- National Diploma in Fire and Rescue Services (Urban Fire and Rescue Operations) (Level 5) [Ref: 1134]
- National Certificate in Fire and Rescue Services (Vegetation) (Level 5) [Ref: 1184]
- National Certificate in Specialist Rescue (Rope Technician) (Level 3) [Ref: 1198]
- National Certificate in Specialist Rescue (Rope Instructor) (Level 4) [Ref: 1200].

The last date for entry to these qualifications is 31 December 2017.

The last date for assessment is 31 December 2020.

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The following qualifications have been discontinued immediately due to lack of use:

- National Certificate in Civil Defence Management (Level 5) [Ref: 0328];
- National Diploma in Workplace Emergency Risk Management (Building Fire and Emergency Manager) (Level 5) [Ref: 0736];
- National Certificate in Urban Search and Rescue - Operations (Level 3) with strands in Canine Search Specialist, Response Leader, Response Medic, Rope Operations, Technician, and Training) [Ref: 1114];
- National Certificate in Fire and Rescue Services (Vegetation) (Level 6) [Ref: 1185];
- National Certificate in Specialist Rescue (Confined Space Technician) (Level 3) [Ref: 1199].

These qualifications have been removed from the NQF.

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## Transition

The last date for entry into training programmes or courses leading to the expiring qualifications above is 31 December 2017. The last date for assessments to take place for the expiring qualifications is 31 December 2020.

People currently working towards any of the expiring qualifications must complete their requirements by 31 December 2020.

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:

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 Royal Oak  
 Auckland 1345

Telephone 09 525 2590

Email [reviewcomments@skills.org.nz](mailto:reviewcomments@skills.org.nz)

## 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