

FIELD Engineering and Technology**Review of *Telecommunications* qualifications****New Zealand Certificate in Telecommunications (Level 3) with strands in Access Network Technologies, Core Network Technologies, Radio/Wireless Technologies, and Signals and Communications [Ref: 2210]**

The Infrastructure ITO (Connexis) has completed the review of the qualification listed above.

Replacement qualification

New Zealand Certificate in Telecommunications (Level 3) with strands in Copper Network Maintenance, Optical Fibre Network and Transmission [Ref: 3767]

Date replacement qualification listed**November 2017**

The next qualification review is planned to take place in December 2022.

Summary of review and consultation process

The Infrastructure Industry Training Organisation (Connexis) took responsibility for the Telecommunications sector in June 2016. Industry stakeholders communicated the need for the review of the Telecommunications Level 3 qualification because it did not fully meet the current requirement for people to maintain the copper network and to build the optical fibre network.

Connexis commenced an early review of the Level 3 qualification with industry and provider stakeholders to work through the qualification outcomes and make them relevant for industry.

Main changes resulting from the review

- The need for strands in Copper Network Maintenance, Optical Fibre Network and Transmission was identified.
- Existing strands in Access Network Technologies, Core Network Technologies, Radio/Wireless Technologies, and Signals and Communications were no longer relevant for industry

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Transition

The last date for entry into programmes leading to the replaced qualification is 31 December 2018.

The last date for assessment against the replaced qualification is 31 December 2019.

Candidates currently working towards the replaced qualification who are unable to complete it by the last date for assessment must transfer to the replacement qualification 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 Connexis at the address below. Appeals will be considered on a case by case basis.

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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