

## Solid Wood Manufacturing

### Review of *Sawmilling* qualification

#### New Zealand Certificate in Sawmilling (Level 4) [Ref: 2409]

Competenz has reviewed the qualification listed above.

#### Date published

**November 2017**

The next qualification review is planned to take place during 2022.

#### Reason for the review

Industry feedback on these qualifications highlighted three issues:

1. GPO 3 has been interpreted as requiring candidates to operate a headrig, effectively blocking most learners from completing the qualification.
2. There was a strong preference for the qualification to allow for a sawmilling apprenticeship, to sit alongside those in finger jointing, saw doctoring, and timber machining.
3. This qualification should be available to headrig operators and to operators of the saw systems downstream from the headrig.

#### Summary of review and consultation process

Suggestions for developing the qualification have come from both industry and specialist training providers. The proposed change has been discussed with a cross section of industry representatives and training providers and signed off at a Solid Wood Sector Advisory Group meeting.

#### Main changes resulting from the review

The credit value of the qualification has been increased from 80 to 120 credits, to allow the creation of programmes for a sawmilling apprenticeship. A new review date has been set.

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Review category	<b>B</b>	See Key to Qualification Review Categories at the end of report
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#### Transition

The last date of assessment for programmes leading to version 1 of this qualification is 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 Competenz 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 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