

## Field                      Engineering and Technology

### Review of *Electrical Engineering Qualification*

National Certificate in Electrical Apparatus in Explosive Atmospheres (Level 4) with an optional strand in Electrical Inspector [Ref: 1671].

The Skills Organisation has completed the review of the qualification listed above.

### Replacement qualification

New Zealand Certificate in Electrical Equipment in Explosive Atmospheres (Level 4) with optional strands in Explosion-Protected Electrical Equipment Installation; Explosion-Protected Electrical Equipment Inspection; and Explosion-Protected Electrical Equipment in Underground Mines [Ref: 3614]

### Date new versions published

**February 2017**

The next qualification review is planned to take place by 31 December 2022.

### Summary of review and consultation process

A mandatory sector review of qualifications in the Electrotechnology sector occurred during 2011 and 2012. The review encompassed broad consultation with industry and training provider stakeholders to ensure that the new qualification meets current and future needs. The review resulted in the recommendation that the national qualification listed above should be replaced by a New Zealand qualification. The replacement New Zealand qualification has now been registered, and the national qualification will be phased out.

### Main changes resulting from the review

National Certificate in Electrical Apparatus in Explosive Atmospheres (Level 4) with an optional strand in Electrical Inspector [Ref: 1671]

*replaced by*

**New Zealand Certificate in Electrical Equipment in Explosive Atmospheres (Level 4) with optional strands in Explosion-Protected Electrical Equipment Installation; Explosion-Protected Electrical Equipment Inspection; and Explosion-Protected Electrical Equipment in Underground Mines [Ref: 3614]**

Review category	<b>C</b>	See <a href="#">Key to Qualification Review Categories</a> at the end of report
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### Transition

The last date for entry into programmes leading to the replaced qualifications is 31 December 2018. The last date to meet the requirements of the replaced qualification is 31 December 2020 when the qualification will be discontinued. From that date no results can be reported against the qualification.

People currently working towards the replaced qualification may either complete the requirements by 31 December 2020 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 The Skills Organisation 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 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