

**FIELD            Manufacturing****Review of *Signmaking* qualifications****New Zealand Certificate in Signmaking (Level 3) [Ref 1824]****New Zealand Certificate in Signmaking (Level 4) [Ref 1825]**

Competenz has completed the review of the qualifications listed above.

**Replacement qualification**

New Zealand Certificate in Signmaking (Level 4) with optional strands in Traditional Sign Writing, Three-Dimensional Sign Fabrication, and Digital Signage [Ref: 3570]

**Date new versions published****February 2017**

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

**Summary of review and consultation process**

The review occurred to address future industry needs that have been identified since the rollout of the two original New Zealand certificates which were created in 2012. The existing Level 3 and 4 qualifications have now been replaced by a single Level 4 qualification.

Industry specialists provided graduate outcome content which was verified by extensive consultation with industry stakeholders. Current and future graduate capability requirements were re-determined.

The new qualification provides for a combined practical on-job and theoretical training specification.

The strands provide optional training extension opportunities according to workplace specialisation or candidate interest.

**Main changes resulting from the review****New Zealand Certificate in Signmaking (Level 3) [Ref: 1824]****New Zealand Certificate in Signmaking (Level 4) [Ref: 1825]***replaced by***New Zealand Certificate in Signmaking (Level 4) with optional strands in Traditional Signwriting, Three-Dimensional Sign Fabrication, and Digital Signage [Ref; 3570]**

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

Existing candidates may complete the requirements of the replaced qualifications or transfer their results to the replacement qualification.

The last date for entry into programmes leading to the replaced New Zealand Certificates in Signmaking is 31 December 2018.

The last date for assessments to take place for the replaced qualifications is 31 December 2022.

It is anticipated that no existing candidates will be disadvantaged by these transition arrangements. However, anyone who feels they have been disadvantaged may appeal to Competenz at:

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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