

FIELD Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries**Review of Seafood qualifications**

New Zealand Certificate in Seafood Processing (Level 3) with strands in Fish and Fish Products, Live Holding, Cleaning and Sanitation, Seafood Logistics [Ref: 3130]
New Zealand Certificate in Commercial Fishing (Level 3) with strands in [Ref: 3133]
New Zealand Certificate in Aquaculture (Level 3) with strands in Hatchery, Fish, Shellfish [Ref: 3135]

The Primary ITO has completed the review of the qualifications listed above.

Summary of review and consultation process

The Primary ITO is working on ensuring the seafood industry qualifications will meet the needs of the industry and as part of that process has identified that the current qualifications did not allow for a New Zealand Apprenticeship training programme.

While apprenticeships in seafood industry have not traditionally been used, it is highly likely that an apprenticeship programme would be beneficial and therefore, the Primary ITO are reviewing the qualifications so that apprenticeship programmes can be developed to meet future needs.

All consent to assess holders as well as industry stakeholders were consulted in September 2017. The consensus was that the change be made, and applied to the Level 3 qualifications as they have more flexibility in the technical strands and there are more options available to recognise additional skills and knowledge at that level.

Main changes resulting from the review

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Changes to structure and content

- Credits for each of the reviewed qualifications, and strands where relevant, have increased, with total qualification credits increased from 40 to 50.

Transition

There are no implications for transition as there are no providers offering programmes leading to these qualifications.

Key to Qualification Review Categories

Category A The qualification is published as a new version with the same NQF 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 NQF 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
Category C A new (replacement) qualification is published with new NQF 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
Category D 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