

Subject Area **Computing and Information Technology**

Review and development of *Information Technology* qualifications

New Zealand Certificate in Information Technology Practitioner with strands in Server Administration, Network Administration, and Information Technology Security (Level 6) [Ref: 2599].

IT Professionals New Zealand (ITP) and NZQA National Qualifications Services (NQS) has completed the review of the qualification listed above, and development of the new qualifications listed below.

New qualifications

New Zealand Diploma in Cybersecurity (Level 6) [Ref: 3837]
New Zealand Diploma in Software Testing (Level 6) [Ref: 3849]

Date new versions published

October 2018

The qualification review of the new qualifications is due in 2022.
The qualification review of the New Zealand Certificate in Information Technology Practitioner with strands [Ref: 2599] is due with the rest of the suite of IT qualifications by 31 December 2019.

Summary of review and consultation process

This review involved the development of two new qualifications in Cybersecurity and Software Testing, to add to the suite of New Zealand IT qualifications at Level 6.

A new strand in software testing has also been added to the existing New Zealand Certificate in Information Technology Practitioner [Ref: 2599]. There have been no changes to the graduate profile of the existing strands, but the reviewed qualification does include changes in the *qualification specifications* and the *general conditions for the programme leading to the qualification* sections, most noticeably the inclusion of practical experience requirements.

The review involved broad consultation with the sector. Stakeholders confirmed the need for qualifications in these areas that would recognise graduate capabilities and provide education pathways.

Main changes resulting from the review

New Zealand Certificate in Information Technology Practitioner (Level 6) with strands in Server Administration, Network Administration, and Information Technology Security [Ref: 2599-1] replaced by

New Zealand Certificate in Information Technology Practitioner (Level 6) with strands in Server Administration, Network Administration, Information Technology Security, and Software Testing [Ref: 2599-2].

Review category	B	See Key to Qualification Review Categories at the end of report
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Transition

The last date for assessment of version 1 of the New Zealand Certificate in Information Technology Practitioner with strands in Server Administration, Network Administration, and Information Technology Security (Level 6) [Ref: 2599] qualification is 31 December 2021.

Candidates enrolled in programmes leading to version 1 may complete the requirements by December 2021 or transfer their achievement to version 2 of the qualification.

It is the intention of the qualification developer that no existing learner should be disadvantaged by these transition arrangements. Any person who considers they have been disadvantaged may contact the existing qualification developers at the addresses below.

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Key to Qualification Review Categories

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