FIELD   ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY

Review of *Telecommunications* qualification

New Zealand Certificate in Telecommunications (Level 4) with strands in Access Network Technologies; Core Network Technologies; Radio/Wireless Technologies; Signals and Communications; Telecommunications Design; and Telecommunications Technical Service Desk [Ref: 2200]

The Infrastructure ITO (Connexis) has completed the review of the qualification listed above.

Replacement qualification

New Zealand Certificate in Telecommunications (Level 4) [Ref: 3970]

Date replacement qualification listed   February 2019

The next qualification review is planned to take place during 2023.

Summary of review and consultation process

Recognition of Infrastructure Industry Training Organisation (Connexis) coverage for Telecommunications came into effect from 17 October 2016. Industry requested a review of the Skills Organisation qualification listed above. In light of recent technological changes in this industry, the skills and knowledge described in the qualification were reviewed for alignment and to ensure the graduate profile outcomes were relevant for the telecommunications industry.

Main changes resulting from the review

- The Skills Organisation New Zealand qualification was replaced with the Connexis qualification;
- The Skills Organisation qualification will be discontinued.

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replaced by
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Review category	**C**	See **Error! Reference source not found.** at the end of report

Transition

The last date for entry into programmes leading to [Ref: 2200] is 31 December 2019.

The last date for assessments to take place for [Ref: 2200] is 31 December 2020, at which time the qualification will be discontinued.

People currently working towards the achievement of Ref: 2200 may either complete the requirements for that qualification by 31 December 2020 or transfer to the replacement qualification [Ref: 3970].

Any new enrolments will be into the replacement qualification [Ref: 3970].

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 Connexis at the address below. Appeals will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

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Category A	Changes are made to SSB name, contact details or purpose statement
The qualification is published as a new version with the same NZQF ID	No change is made to title, rules or components of the qualification
	No transition arrangements are required
Category B	Changes are made to title, rules or components
The qualification is published as a new version with the same NZQF ID	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	Significant changes are made to the qualification in terms of components, structure, type or level
A new (replacement) qualification is published with new NZQF ID	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 is no longer required by industry
Qualification will expire. There is no replacement qualification	The qualification is designated as expiring and a last date for meeting the qualification requirements is set