

Field: Engineering and Technology

Change report for the review of Wind Farm Maintenance New Zealand Qualification

Reviewed qualifications

| Ref | Version | Qualification title | Level | Credits |
|------|---------|--|-------|---------|
| 3793 | 1 | New Zealand Certificate in Wind Farm Maintenance (Level 4) | 4 | 230 |

Review information

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| Qualification Developer | Connexis Infrastructure ITO |
| Reason for the review | Industry request |
| Review date | August 2020 |
| Outcome date | {To be completed by NZQA when review outcome is published on NZQA website} |
| Next review date | August 2025 |

Summary of review and consultation process

This qualification was listed in 2018 but has never been used. A group of wind industry representatives met with Connexis and reconfirmed the need for a qualification in wind farm maintenance. However, the group concluded the qualification was too large at 230 credits and proposed two smaller qualifications to better reflect the learning journey of a wind farm technician.

Consultation was undertaken with the New Zealand Wind Energy Association whose members endorsed the two qualifications.

Main changes resulting from the review

The New Zealand Certificate in Wind Farm Maintenance (Level 4) [Ref: 3793], was reviewed with the following changes being made:

- learning relevant to a Level 3 technician was moved to a new qualification
- the Strategic Purpose Statement, Graduate Profile Outcomes and General Conditions were updated for currency
- the total qualification credits were reduced to reflect the time required for a wind farm technician to become competent, and to reflect removal of Level 3 content to a new qualification
- a new 60 credit Level 3 qualification, the New Zealand Certificate in Wind Farm Maintenance (Level 3), was developed to meet identified need.

Review outcome

| Ref | Version | Reviewed qualification | Outcome category | New qualification details/version |
|------|---------|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| 3793 | 1 | New Zealand Certificate in Wind Farm Maintenance (Level 4) | <i>B-New version of qualification</i> | New Zealand Certificate in Wind Farm Maintenance (Level 4) [Ref: 3793-2] |
| 4261 | 1 | New Zealand Certificate in Wind Farm Maintenance (Level 3) | | Version 1 |

Qualification review outcome categories

| Outcome | Result | Category |
|---|--|----------|
| No changes are identified to the qualification | Qualification version number and NZQF ID remain the same. New review date is required. | A |
| Minor changes are identified to the qualification | New version of qualification is required (NZQF ID remains the same). New review date is required. | B |
| Significant changes are required to the qualification | New replacement qualification is required with a new NZQF ID. The existing qualification will expire. | C |
| The qualification is no longer required by industry | The qualification will expire with no replacement. | D |

Transition information

| Ref | Version | Qualification title | Last date of entry* | Last date of assessment |
|------|---------|--|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 3793 | 1 | New Zealand Certificate in Wind Farm Maintenance (Level 4) | 31/12/2020 | 31/12/2022 |

*only required for outcome category C or D

Any additional information

It is the intention that no trainee should be disadvantaged by these transition arrangements. Any person who considers they have been disadvantaged may appeal to the qualification developer Connexis Infrastructure ITO at qualifications@connexis.org.nz or 04 499 9144.