

FIELD COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Review of *Diving* qualifications

National Diploma in Diving (Occupational) (Level 5) [Ref: 1008]

National Certificate in Diving (Foundation Skills) (Level 3) [Ref: 1321]

National Certificate in Diving (Leadership) (Level 4) [Ref: 1322]

National Certificate in Diving (Instruction) (Level 6) [Ref: 1323]

Skills Active has completed the mandatory review of the qualifications listed above.

New and replacement qualifications

New Zealand Certificate in Diving (Level 3) [Ref: 3886]

New Zealand Certificate in Diving (Supervision) (Level 4) with optional strands in Dive Plant Operator and Service Technician, Dive Vessel Operation, and Dive Sales and Merchandising [Ref: 3887]

New Zealand Diploma in Diving (Level 5) [Ref: 3888]

Date new versions published

March 2020

The next qualification review is planned to take place by February 2025.

Summary of review and consultation process

Between 2012 and 2018, a mandatory sector review of qualifications in the Recreation, Sport and Fitness sector occurred. The review encompassed broad consultation with industry and training provider stakeholders to ensure that the new qualifications meet current and future needs.

The review resulted in the recommendation that the national qualifications listed above should be replaced by New Zealand qualifications. The replacement New Zealand qualifications have now been listed, and the national qualifications will be discontinued.

Main changes resulting from the review

National Diploma in Diving (Occupational) (Level 5) [Ref: 1008]

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This qualification was discontinued in March 2020, as it was no longer achievable or aligned with industry practice. There are no current trainees affected by this discontinuation.

National Certificate in Diving (Foundation Skills) (Level 3) [Ref: 1321]
replaced by

New Zealand Certificate in Diving (Level 3) [Ref: 3886]

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National Certificate in Diving (Leadership) (Level 4) [Ref: 1322]

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National Certificate in Diving (Instruction) (Level 6) [Ref: 1323]
replaced by

New Zealand Certificate in Diving (Instruction) (Level 5) [Ref: 3889]

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There is one new qualification:

New Zealand Diploma in Diving (Level 5) [Ref: 3888]

Transition

The last date for entry into programmes leading to replaced qualifications is 30 June 2021.

The last date of assessment for the replaced qualifications is 31 December 2022, when they will be discontinued.

People currently working towards any of the replaced qualifications must complete its requirements or transfer to a programme of study or training leading to a replacement qualification by 31 December 2022.

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 Skills Active Aotearoa at the address 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