

Field: Health

Change report for the review of Pharmacy New Zealand Qualifications

Reviewed qualifications

Ref	Version	Qualification title	Level	Credits
1886	1	New Zealand Certificate in Pharmacy (Introduction to Pharmacy Practice) (Level 3)	3	40
1887	1	New Zealand Certificate in Pharmacy (Community Pharmacy Assistant) (Level 4)	4	60
1888	1	New Zealand Certificate in Pharmacy (Pharmacy Technician) (Level 4)	4	75
1889	1	New Zealand Certificate in Pharmacy (Pharmacy Technician) (Level 5)	5	65
2261	1	New Zealand Certificate in Pharmacy (Specialist Technician) (Level 6)	6	120

Review information

Qualification Developer	Pharmaceutical Society of New Zealand
Reason for the review	5 year qualification review cycle
Review date	July 2020
Outcome date	October 2025
Next review date	October 2025

Summary of review and consultation process

The Pharmaceutical Society of New Zealand (PSNZ) has consulted with the training providers and major stakeholders in a review of these qualifications.

Feedback from the sector has indicated that only minor changes across the Level 3-5 qualifications are required to retain currency and fitness for purpose.

The sector has endorsed a change in the qualification type for the level 6 qualification and again some minor changes to other details.

The review has resulted in the listing of new versions of each qualification.

Main changes resulting from the review

Changes made across all qualifications:

- Conversion to current qualification template
- Removal and/or updating of text in:
 - Qualification Award section
 - Evidence requirements for assuring consistency

- Credit transfer and recognition of prior learning section
- Minimum standard of achievement section
- Pre-requisites section
- General conditions section.
- Moving of the text from Conditions column of “Conditions relating to specific outcomes” section to separate documents entitled Guidance for Qualification Developers and inserted a URL link in the General condition section for developers to access these.

Changes made to specific qualifications:

New Zealand Certificate in Pharmacy (Introduction to Pharmacy Practice) (Level 3) [Ref: 1886]:

- Minor wording changes across 5 of 7 Graduate profile statements
- Minor wording changes to Education and Employment pathway
- Updated legislation references
- Credit value changes on two outcome statements but no overall credit value change on qualification.

New Zealand Certificate in Pharmacy (Community Pharmacy Assistant) (Level 4) [Ref: 1887]:

- Minor wording changes to Graduate profile statements to strengthen these
- Minor wording changes in Education and Employment Pathways section.

New Zealand Certificate in Pharmacy (Pharmacy Technician) (Level 4) [Ref: 1888]:

- Qualification title was changed to *New Zealand Certificate in Pharmacy (Pharmacy Technician - Core) (Level 4)*
- Minor wording change to Strategic purpose statement
- Minor wording changes to 5 of 8 Graduate profile statements to strength these
- Minor wording changes to Education and Employment Pathways
- Credit value changes on two outcome statements but no overall credit value change on qualification.

New Zealand Certificate in Pharmacy (Pharmacy Technician) (Level 5) [Ref: 1889]

- Qualification title was changed to *New Zealand Certificate in Pharmacy (Pharmacy Technician - Advanced) (Level 5)*
- Minor wording changes to Education and Employment pathways.

New Zealand Certificate in Pharmacy (Specialist Technician) (Level 6) [Ref: 2261]:

- Change in qualification type from Certificate to Diploma. Title is now *New Zealand Diploma in Pharmacy (Pharmacy Technician - Specialist) (Level 6)*
- Minor wording change to Strategic purpose statement
- Wording change to all Graduate profile statements to reflect Diploma level requirements.
- Updated other conditions and changes made to Research project topic selection criteria
- Credit value changes on four outcome statements but no overall credit value change on qualification.

Review outcome

Ref	Version	Reviewed qualification	Outcome category	New qualification details/version
1886	1	New Zealand Certificate in Pharmacy	<i>B-New version of</i>	1886-2

		(Introduction to Pharmacy Practice) (Level 3)	<i>qualification</i>	
1887	1	New Zealand Certificate in Pharmacy (Community Pharmacy Assistant) (Level 4)	<i>B-New version of qualification</i>	1887-2
1888	1	New Zealand Certificate in Pharmacy (Pharmacy Technician) (Level 4)	<i>B-New version of qualification</i>	1888-2
1889	1	New Zealand Certificate in Pharmacy (Pharmacy Technician) (Level 5)	<i>B-New version of qualification</i>	1889-2
2261	1	New Zealand Certificate in Pharmacy (Specialist Technician) (Level 6)	<i>B-New version of qualification</i>	2261-2

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
1886	1	New Zealand Certificate in Pharmacy (Introduction to Pharmacy Practice) (Level 3)	N/A	31/12/2022
1887	1	New Zealand Certificate in Pharmacy (Community Pharmacy Assistant) (Level 4)	N/A	31/01/2022
1888	1	New Zealand Certificate in Pharmacy (Pharmacy Technician) (Level 4)	N/A	31/12/2022
1889	1	New Zealand Certificate in Pharmacy (Pharmacy Technician) (Level 5)	N/A	31/12/2022
2261	1	New Zealand Certificate in Pharmacy (Specialist Technician) (Level 6)	N/A	31/12/2022

*only required for outcome category C or D

Any additional information

Any person who considers they have been disadvantaged by these transition arrangements may appeal to PSNZ at the address below. Appeals will be considered on a case by case basis.

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