

## FIELD *Human Welfare Studies and Services*

### Change report for the review of Addiction Studies (Applied) New Zealand Qualification

#### Reviewed qualification

[Ref]	Version	Qualification title	Level	Credits
2733	1	New Zealand Diploma in Addiction Studies (Applied) (Level 6)	6	120

#### Review information

<b>Qualification Developer</b>	Careerforce
<b>Reason for the review</b>	Scheduled review
<b>Review date</b>	December 2019
<b>Outcome date</b>	June 2020
<b>Next review date</b>	December 2023

#### Summary of review and consultation process

The review of the New Zealand Diploma in Addiction Studies (Applied) occurred in 2019-2020. It encompassed consultation with stakeholders from the mental health and addiction sector to ensure the qualification met their current and future needs.

Feedback from the mental health and addiction sector indicates that the qualification is no longer fit for purpose and does not meet the needs of trainees working as addiction practitioners in clinical settings.

The recommendation is that the qualification is expired.

#### Main changes resulting from the review

The qualification no longer meets the needs of industry and is no longer fit for purpose.

This qualification does not meet the requirements for membership with the Addiction Practitioners' Association Aotearoa New Zealand (Dapaanz).

The recommendation recognises:

- That two thirds of the workforce are in clinical roles, which require practitioners to be registered. This qualification would not meet registration requirements.
- The addiction sector has been poorly funded and is now experiencing rapid change to meet future addiction service needs. This has meant it was also unclear in establishing all the skills, knowledge and attributes needed at this time.
- The qualification has had low graduate numbers.

## Review outcome

Reference	Version	Reviewed qualification	Outcome category	New qualification details/version (if applicable)
2733	1	New Zealand Diploma in Addiction Studies (Applied) (Level 6)	<i>D-Qualification will expire with no replacement</i>	2733-2

## 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

Reference	Version	Qualification title	Last date of entry*	Last date of assessment
2733	1	New Zealand Diploma in Addiction Studies (Applied) (Level 6)	31/12/2022	31/12/2023

\*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 Careerforce at the address below. Appeals will be considered on a case by case basis.

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