

Field: Agriculture

Change report for the review of Equine Qualifications

Reviewed qualifications

Ref	Version	Qualification title	Level	Credits
2374	1	New Zealand Certificate in Equine Racing (Level 4) with strands in Thoroughbred Racing Jockey, Harness Driver/Trainer, and Harness Racing Driver	4	85-105
2375	1	New Zealand Certificate in Equine Skills (Level 2)	2	50
2376	1	New Zealand Certificate in Equine Skills (Level 3) with strands in Harness Racing Stable Assistant, Thoroughbred Raceday Strapper, Thoroughbred Racing Track Rider, and Sporthorse Stable Assistant	3	40-55
2377	1	New Zealand Certificate in Equine Skills (Sporthorse Groom) (Level 4)	4	70
2380	1	New Zealand Diploma in Equine Management (Level 5) with strands in Broodmare Management, Yearling Management, Stallion Management, and Racing Stable Foreman	5	120-150

Review information

Qualification Developer	Primary ITO
Reason for the review	Five year Qualification Review Cycle
Review date	May 2020
Outcome date	May 2020
Next review date	May 2025

Summary of review and consultation process

The review of these qualifications occurred during 2019 and encompassed consultation with stakeholders from the equine racing and sporthorse sectors to ensure that the reviewed qualifications met their current and future needs. Consultation included key professional associations as well as representatives from the education and training sector.

The equine Thoroughbred and Standardbred breeding sectors also contributed to the review of the New Zealand Certificate in Equine Skills (Level 2) and New Zealand Diploma in Equine Management (Level 5) which completes their qualification pathway.

Equine breeding Level 3 and 4 qualifications were approved in October 2019.

Due to the stranded nature of the qualifications, consultation took place with various stakeholder groups working with the different strands.

Follow up discussions with individual sector representatives finalized amendments to the qualifications and updated versions were endorsed through stakeholder attestation sign-off by working group members.

Main changes resulting from the review

New Zealand Certificate in Equine Racing (Level 4) with strands in Thoroughbred Racing Jockey, Harness Driver/Trainer, and Harness Racing Driver [Ref: 2374]

This qualification was replaced by the **New Zealand Certificate in Equine Racing (Level 4) with strands in Thoroughbred Racing Jockey, Harness Trainer, and Harness Racing Driver [Ref: 4221]**.

There are a number of differences between the two qualifications, including:

- Overall credits required for the replacement qualification are higher (120-135 credits).
- *Harness Trainer/Driver* strand named *Harness Trainer* in the replacement qualification.
- Differences in strategic purpose statements and qualification specifications.
- There are more outcomes in the replacement qualification.
- The replacement qualification does not specify conditions relating to the graduate profile.

New Zealand Certificate in Equine Skills (Level 2) [Ref: 2375]

- Wording of graduate outcome 2 was amended to provide more clarity.
- Wording of graduate outcome 3 was amended to provide more flexibility for learning situations involving paddocked and/or stabled horses.
- Education and employment pathways were updated to reflect changes to the graduate outcomes.
- Conditions relating to the graduate profile were removed.
- Updates were made to qualification specifications section in line with current requirements for New Zealand qualifications.

New Zealand Certificate in Equine Skills (Level 3) with strands in Harness Racing Stable Assistant, Thoroughbred Raceday Strapper, Thoroughbred Racing Track Rider, and Sporthorse Stable Assistant [Ref: 2376]

- Overall credit total was increased from 40-55 credits to 45-55 credits.
- A new *Thoroughbred Stable Assistant* strand was added for non-riding staff working in thoroughbred stables that do not attend raceday meetings and perform Raceday Strapper tasks.
- Strategic purpose statement was amended to remove unnecessary information.
- Education and employment pathways were updated to reflect changes to the graduate outcomes and additional strand.
- Graduate outcome 6 for the Thoroughbred Raceday Strapper strand was increased from 15 to 25 credits to better reflect the skills and knowledge required in attending to horses at raceday meeting.
- Conditions relating to the graduate profile were removed.
- Updates were made to qualification specifications section in line with current requirements for New Zealand qualifications.

New Zealand Certificate in Equine Skills (Sporthorse Groom) (Level 4) [Ref: 2377]

- Strategic purpose statement was amended to remove unnecessary information.
- Wording of graduate outcomes 3 and 4 was amended to provide more clarity.
- Credit values for graduate outcomes 3 and 4 were changed to better reflect the learning and practice required to achieve competency.
- Education pathway was updated to reflect changes to the graduate outcomes.
- Conditions relating to the graduate profile were removed.
- Updates were made to qualification specifications section in line with current requirements for New Zealand qualifications.

New Zealand Diploma in Equine Management (Level 5) with strands in Broodmare Management, Yearling

Management, Stallion Management, and Racing Stable Foreman [Ref: 2380]

- Strategic purpose statement was amended to remove unnecessary information.
- Wording of outcome 7 was amended to reflect the standard required for preparing yearlings at Level 5.
- Conditions relating to the graduate profile were removed.
- Updates were made to qualification specifications section in line with current requirements for New Zealand qualifications.

Review outcome

Ref	Version	Reviewed qualification	Outcome category	New qualification details/version
2374	1	New Zealand Certificate in Equine Racing (Level 4) with strands in Thoroughbred Racing Jockey, Harness Driver/Trainer, and Harness Racing Driver	<i>C-New replacement qualification</i>	New Zealand Certificate in Equine Racing (Level 4) with strands in Thoroughbred Racing Jockey, Harness Trainer, and Harness Racing Driver [Ref: 4221-1]
2375	1	New Zealand Certificate in Equine Skills (Level 2)	<i>B-New version of qualification</i>	2
2376	1	New Zealand Certificate in Equine Skills (Level 3) with strands in Harness Racing Stable Assistant, Thoroughbred Raceday Strapper, Thoroughbred Stable Assistant, Thoroughbred Racing Track Rider, and Sporthorse Stable Assistant	<i>B-New version of qualification</i>	2
2377	1	New Zealand Certificate in Equine Skills (Sporthorse Groom) (Level 4)	<i>B-New version of qualification</i>	2
2380	1	New Zealand Diploma in Equine Management (Level 5) with strands in Broodmare Management, Yearling Management, Stallion Management, and Racing Stable Foreman	<i>B-New version of qualification</i>	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
2374	1	New Zealand Certificate in Equine Racing (Level 4) with strands in Thoroughbred Racing Jockey, Harness Driver/Trainer, and Harness Racing Driver	31/12/2023	31/12/2024
2375	1	New Zealand Certificate in Equine Skills (Level 2)	N/A	31/12/2024
2376	1	New Zealand Certificate in Equine Skills (Level 3) with strands in Harness Racing Stable Assistant, Thoroughbred Raceday Strapper, Thoroughbred Racing Track Rider, and Sporthorse Stable Assistant	N/A	31/12/2024
2377	1	New Zealand Certificate in Equine Skills (Sporthorse Groom) (Level 4)	N/A	31/12/2024
2380	1	New Zealand Diploma in Equine Management (Level 5) with strands in Broodmare Management, Yearling Management, Stallion Management, and Racing Stable Foreman	N/A	31/12/2024

**only required for review outcome category C or D*

Any additional information

Any person who considers they have been disadvantaged by these transition arrangements may appeal to Primary ITO at the address below.

Appeals will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

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