

Field: Manufacturing

Change report for the review of New Zealand Manufacturing Qualifications

Reviewed qualifications

[Ref]	Qualification title	Level	Credits
2729	New Zealand Certificate in Manufacturing (Level 2)	2	40
2730	New Zealand Certificate in Manufacturing (Level 3) with optional strand in Productivity Improvement	3	40-60
2731	New Zealand Certificate in Manufacturing (Level 4) with optional strand in Technical Support	4	60-80
2732	New Zealand Certificate in Manufacturing (Level 5)	5	65

Review information

Qualification Developer	Competenz
Reason for the review	Scheduled review
Date replacement qualifications listed	November 2025
Next qualification review date	November 2025

Summary of review and consultation process

This is a scheduled five yearly review of the manufacturing qualifications.

The consultation process included one face-to-face Sector Advisory Group (SAG) meeting with a range of providers, industry groups and individual companies from a variety of manufacturing sub-sectors.

The main changes to the qualifications relate to the inclusion or bolstering of 'soft skills' which has been called for by industry for some years. These skills are considered essential for the successful introduction of new technology in the various sectors. These skills have not been added to the New Zealand Certificate in Manufacturing (Level 5) [Ref: 2732] although minor wording changes have broadened its outcomes.

Main changes resulting from the review

All qualifications have had the following General condition for programme added:

- 'Programmes will typically be achieved in a workplace environment but may include simulated or virtual reality learning or assessment.'

This is in recognition of new technologies being used in a wide range of learning and assessments particularly in companies which are moving towards more mechanised production processes.

New Zealand Certificate in Manufacturing (Level 2) [Ref: 2729]

- Additional outcome to incorporate ‘soft skills’
‘Work co-operatively and communicate effectively in a manufacturing environment’ added as outcome 2.
- Minor change to the wording of outcome 4.
‘(Follow instructions and) carry out entry level tasks in a manufacturing operation’ – words in brackets removed because this is included in the new outcome 2.

New Zealand Certificate in Manufacturing (Level 3) with optional strand in Productivity Improvement [Ref: 2730]

- Additional outcome added to incorporate a sense of place within an extended team.
- Minor change to the wording of outcome 4. Removed the words ‘and customer’ as they are implicit in the words ‘organisational requirements’.

New Zealand Certificate in Manufacturing (Level 4) with an optional strand in Technical Support [Ref: 2731]

- Additional outcome added to incorporate collaborative problem solving
- Add the scope of outcome 3 to outcome 2 and remove outcome 3
‘Coordinate one or more stages of a manufacturing operation (meeting daily production, safety and quality requirements)’
Remove: ‘Set up and control equipment to meet daily production, safety and quality requirements of a manufacturing process’

New Zealand Certificate in Manufacturing (Level 5) [Ref: 2732]

- Minor wording change to outcome 1 to include ‘environmental impact’.
- Removed words in outcome 4 to broaden its purpose:
‘Apply analytical and innovative thinking to develop new ideas.’ (removed...‘to improve production efficiency and product quality’).

Review outcome

[Ref]	Qualification title	Outcome category	Replacement qualification (if applicable)
2729-1	New Zealand Certificate in Manufacturing (Level 2)	B	2729-2
2730-1	New Zealand Certificate in Manufacturing (Level 3) with optional strand in Productivity Improvement	B	2730-2
2731-1	New Zealand Certificate in Manufacturing (Level 4) with optional strand in Technical Support	B	2731-2

2732-1	New Zealand Certificate in Manufacturing (Level 5)	B	2732-2
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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:]	Qualification title	Last date of assessment
2729-1	New Zealand Certificate in Manufacturing (Level 2)	31 July 2023
2730-1	New Zealand Certificate in Manufacturing (Level 3) with optional strand in Productivity Improvement	31 July 2023
2731-1	New Zealand Certificate in Manufacturing (Level 4) with optional strand in Technical Support	31 July 2023
2732-1	New Zealand Certificate in Manufacturing (Level 5)	31 July 2023

Any additional information

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 Competenz at the address below. Appeals will be considered on a case-by case basis.

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