

Field: Health

Change report for the review of Emergency Care and Ambulance Practice New Zealand Qualifications

Reviewed qualifications

[Ref]	Version	Qualification title	Level	Credits
3063	1	New Zealand Certificate in Emergency Care (First Responder)	3	40
3065	1	New Zealand Diploma in Ambulance Practice	5	120

Review information

Qualification Developer	The Skills Organisation
Reason for the review	Scheduled review
Review date	September 2020
Outcome date	April 2021
Next review date	April 2026

Summary of review and consultation process

The review was conducted during August and September 2020.

Consultation consisted of initial engagement and feedback by email, a series of 'virtual' meetings for face to face discussion and debate, with further email engagement to finalise the result.

Stakeholders included practitioners, educators, and industry bodies.

Overall, only minor changes were required to refine wording and industry terminology to maintain currency.

Main changes resulting from the review

General changes made to both qualifications:

- Strategic purpose statement wording amended to better reflect current practice in the sector.
- Education Pathway updated.
- Employment Pathway wording amended to better reflect sector expectations.
- Evidence requirements for assuring consistency wording amended.
- Transition information added.
- Qualification changed to current template.

In addition to above, the following specific changes were also made:

New Zealand Certificate in Emergency Care (First Responder) (Level 3) [Ref: 3063]

- Graduate profile outcomes (GPOs) 1 and 4 were amended to add “patient-centric”, and “patient”, respectively. Otherwise the profile is unchanged.
- General conditions were amended to introduce a reference to knowledge of relevant regulatory requirements. A guidance statement was added to assist programme developers in not exceeding the expectations of the qualification.
- The credit values for GPOs 3 and 4 were amended, with no change in total qualification credits.

New Zealand Diploma in Ambulance Practice (Level 5) [Ref: 3065]

- Other conditions were updated to introduce reference to the Privacy Act.
- General conditions were amended to introduce a reference to knowledge of relevant regulatory requirements, and clarification of learning modalities to better reflect sector expectations.

Review outcome

Reference	Version	Reviewed qualification	Outcome category	New qualification details/version
3063	1	New Zealand Certificate in Emergency Care (First Responder) (Level 3)	<i>B-New version of qualification</i>	3063-2
3065	1	New Zealand Diploma in Ambulance Practice (Level 5)	<i>B-New version of qualification</i>	3065-2

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
3063	1	New Zealand Certificate in Emergency Care (First Responder) (Level 3)	N/A	31/12/2023
3065	1	New Zealand Diploma in Ambulance Practice (Level 5)	N/A	31/12/2023

Any additional information

It is not intended that any existing candidate be disadvantaged by these transition arrangements; however, anyone who feels they have been disadvantaged can appeal to:

The Skills Organisation

FREEPOST 5164

PO Box 24469

Royal Oak

Auckland 1345

Web: reviewcomments@skills.org.nz