

Field: Science

Change report for the review of Science New Zealand Qualifications

Reviewed qualifications

[Ref]	Version	Qualification title	Level	Credits
2550	1	New Zealand Certificate in Applied Science (Level 3)	3	60
2551	1	New Zealand Certificate in Applied Science (Level 4)	4	60
2552	1	New Zealand Diploma in Applied Science (Level 5)	5	120
2553	1	New Zealand Diploma in Applied Science (Level 6)	6	120
2554	1	New Zealand Certificate in Laboratory Management Systems (Level 6)	6	60

Review information

Qualification Developer	Ara Institute of Canterbury Ltd
Reason for the review	Scheduled 5-year qualification review
Review date	December 2019
Outcome date	May 2026
Next review date	May 2026

Summary of review and consultation process

The review was undertaken via a survey, with a range of industry stakeholders including representatives from New Zealand Institutes of Technology, Private Training Enterprises and employers in the sector.

It was the view of the stakeholders that the qualification strategic purpose statements continued to meet the requirements of the science sector, however feedback indicated that an additional graduate profile outcome was required to ensure the qualifications were fit for purpose and met industry and employer requirements.

Main changes resulting from the review

Main changes to the qualifications:

- Strategic Purpose and Graduate Profile outcome statements were reviewed and updated for currency.
- Entry statements moved from Other Requirements to General Conditions.
- Reference to NZSCEDs, and some detailed definitions removed from General Conditions.
- Qualification award and Minimum standard of achievement updated.
- Evidence requirements for assuring consistency updated.

Review outcome

Reference	Version	Reviewed qualification	Outcome category	New qualification details/version (if applicable)
2550	1	New Zealand Certificate in Applied Science (Level 3)	<i>B-New version of qualification</i>	2550-2
2551	1	New Zealand Certificate in Applied Science (Level 4)	<i>B-New version of qualification</i>	2551-2
2552	1	New Zealand Diploma in Applied Science (Level 5)	<i>B-New version of qualification</i>	2552-2
2553	1	New Zealand Diploma in Applied Science (Level 6)	<i>B-New version of qualification</i>	2553-2
2554	1	New Zealand Certificate in Laboratory Management Systems (Level 6)	<i>B-New version of qualification</i>	2554-2

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
2550	1	New Zealand Certificate in Applied Science (Level 3)	N/A	30/06/2023
2551	1	New Zealand Certificate in Applied Science (Level 4)	N/A	30/06/2023
2552	1	New Zealand Diploma in Applied Science (Level 5)	N/A	30/06/2023
2553	1	New Zealand Diploma in Applied Science (Level 6)	N/A	30/06/2023
2554	1	New Zealand Certificate in Laboratory Management Systems (Level 6)	N/A	30/06/2023

*only required for outcome category C or D

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

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