

## Field: Fire Protection

# Change report for the review of Fire Protection Systems Technology New Zealand Qualifications

### Reviewed qualifications

[Ref]	Version	Qualification title	Level	Credits
2578	1	New Zealand Certificate in Fire Protection Systems Technology (Testing) (Level 3)	3	140
2579	1	New Zealand Certificate in Fire Protection Systems Technology (Inspections) (Level 4) with strands in Fire Detection and Alarms Systems, and Fixed Fire Protection Systems	4	240

### Review information

<b>Qualification Developer</b>	Competenz
<b>Reason for the review</b>	Scheduled 5-year review
<b>Review date</b>	August 2021
<b>Outcome date</b>	September 2021
<b>Next review date</b>	<b>September 2026</b>

### Summary of review and consultation process

Industry consultation began for both qualifications in June 2021 with the Fire Protection industry association and individual companies from the Fire Protection Systems Technology sub-sector via a face-to-face meeting.

This initial consultation identified that the qualifications were broadly satisfactory. The main changes required some adjustment to the graduate outcomes, including the credit values and wording changes were made to better reflect industry methods.

Once these changes were made a final consultation with the working group over email indicated no further feedback or changes were required, with approval of the outcome of the review.

### Main changes resulting from the review

- Graduate Profile Outcomes were amended to better reflect industry requirements and the outcomes of the graduates;
- Level 3 – minor wording changes were required to GPO's 5 & 6 to better reflect industry requirements.
- Level 4 – Industry indicated graduates would only complete inspections once specialising in one of the strands. This resulted in the removal of 'inspections' component from outcomes 2 & 3. These have now been combined as one GPO and the credits have been re-distributed into the strands. As a result the overall credit totals of core and strands has changed.

- Evidence requirements for assuring consistency were updated.
- General conditions for programmes were amended to align with industry requirements and provide clarity.
- Conditions relating to the graduate profile outcomes were removed to meet NZQA requirements

## Review outcome

Reference	Version	Reviewed qualification	Outcome category	New qualification details/version (if applicable)
2578	1	New Zealand Certificate in Fire Protection Systems Technology (Testing) (Level 3)	<i>B-New version of qualification</i>	2578-2
2579	1	New Zealand Certificate in Fire Protection Systems Technology (Inspections) (Level 4) with strands in Fire Detection and Alarms Systems, and Fixed Fire Protection Systems	<i>B-New version of qualification</i>	2579-2

## 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
2578	1	New Zealand Certificate in Fire Protection Systems Technology (Testing) (Level 3)	N/A	31/12/2023
2579	1	New Zealand Certificate in Fire Protection Systems Technology (Inspections) (Level 4) with strands in Fire Detection and Alarms Systems, and Fixed Fire Protection Systems	N/A	31/12/2023

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

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