

Field: Fire Protection

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

Reviewed qualifications

[Ref]	Version	Qualification title	Level	Credits
2580	1	New Zealand Certificate in Hand Operated Fire Fighting Equipment	3	105
2574	1	New Zealand Certificate in Fire Detection and Alarm Systems	3	75
2581	1	New Zealand Certificate in Passive Fire Protection Systems	4	120

Review information

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

Summary of review and consultation process

Industry consultation for both qualifications began in May 2021 with the Fire Protection industry association and individual companies from the Fixed Fire Protection 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 credit values of the graduate outcomes 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

Specific Changes:

New Zealand Certificate in Hand Operated Fire Fighting Equipment (Level 3) [Ref: 2580]

- Minor wording changes to GPO 5 & to correctly reflect industry practices
- 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

New Zealand Certificate in Fire Detection and Alarm Systems (Level 3) [Ref: 2574]

- Minor wording changes to GPO 2 & 3 to correctly reflect industry practices

- 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

New Zealand Certificate in Passive Fire Protection Systems (Level 4) [Ref: 2581]

Industry indicated that the separation of routine compliance inspections and construction monitoring inspections by means of strands would better reflect industry practices where graduates could focus on one or the other. As a result, two new strands (with one new GPO each) were created. GPO 2 was removed, and the credits were redistributed as it formerly reflected the outcomes of the new strands.

- Minor wording changes to all GPOs for more clarity.
- 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.

Review outcome

Reference	Version	Reviewed qualification	Outcome category	New qualification details/version (if applicable)
2580	1	New Zealand Certificate in Hand Operated Fire Fighting Equipment (Level 3)	<i>B-New version of qualification</i>	2580-2
2574	1	New Zealand Certificate in Fire Detection and Alarm Systems (Level 3)	<i>B-New version of qualification</i>	2574-2
2581	1	New Zealand Certificate in Passive Fire Protection Systems (Level 4)	<i>B-New version of qualification</i>	2581-2

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

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Reference	Version	Qualification title	Last date of entry*	Last date of assessment
2580	1	New Zealand Certificate in Hand Operated Fire Fighting Equipment	N/A	31/12/2023
2574	1	New Zealand Certificate in Fire Detection and Alarm Systems	N/A	31/12/2023
2581	1	New Zealand Certificate in Passive 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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