

Field: Christian Studies

Change report for the review of Christian Studies New Zealand Qualifications

Reviewed qualifications

[Ref]	Version	Qualification title	Level	Credits
2770	1	New Zealand Certificate in Christian Studies	3	40
2772	1	New Zealand Certificate in Christian Ministry with strands in Christian Studies and Internship	4	120
2771	1	New Zealand Certificate in Christian Studies with strands in Christian Ministry, and Religious Education	5	60 - 80
2793	1	New Zealand Diploma in Christian Studies with strands in Chaplaincy, Christian Leadership, Intercultural Studies, Performing Arts, Te Minita Taha Māori, and Theological Studies	5	120
2773	1	New Zealand Diploma in Christian Studies with strands in Biblical Studies, Christian Leadership, Intercultural Studies, Pastoral Ministry, Religious Education, Te Minita Taha Māori, and Theological Studies	6	120

Review information

Qualification Developer	Christian Theological and Ministries Education Society (CTMES)
Reason for the review	Scheduled review
Review date	April 2022
Outcome date	April 2022
Next review date	March 2027

Summary of review and consultation process

CTMES reviewed the Christian Studies qualifications in collaboration with and on behalf of its stakeholders, including CTMES members and Christian Studies programme owners representing different Christian faith denominations. Stakeholders were kept informed and invited to contribute during the stages of the review.

The purpose of the review was to ensure the suite remains relevant to current and future learners, is fit for purpose and meets the needs of the various Christian churches, their communities, wider organisations, employers and volunteers. The review aimed to identify any anomalies and ensure clarity, consistency and coherence.

A consultant was appointed to guide and manage the process, in consultation with the CTMES Executive Committee, to confirm the relevance and currency of the qualifications. The needs analysis which informed the initial development of these qualifications remains current.

There was a wide sector meeting via teleconference with CTMES' stakeholders in June 2020 to start the review. An online survey was conducted. All stakeholders were consulted and invited to respond to the survey and provide feedback.

There was a wide sector meeting via teleconference in November 2020 to discuss the outcome of the survey and for further consultation. Changes to the current qualifications were made driven by the outcome of the consultation with members and NZQA clarification of issues and current requirements. Consistency Review reports of four of the five qualifications were also used to further inform and support the changes.

Changes to qualifications were sent to the stakeholders for approval and stakeholder attestations to demonstrate involvement in the qualifications review were collected.

Main changes resulting from the review

The main changes resulting from the review were to clarify wider community settings and to simplify some of the language to ensure clarity, consistency and coherence.

Amendments were made to meet current NZQA requirements, including those around conditions relating to individual graduate outcomes and the placement of entry requirements under general conditions for programmes. The above changes strengthen the qualifications without changing their intent.

Specific changes:

New Zealand Diploma in Christian Studies (Level 5) [Ref: 2793]

An elective strand in Biblical Studies was added to create a pathway to the Biblical Studies strand in the New Zealand Diploma in Christian Studies (Level 6).

Review outcome

Reference	Version	Reviewed qualification	Outcome category	New qualification details/version
2770	1	New Zealand Certificate in Christian Studies (Level 3)	<i>B-New version of qualification</i>	2770 - 2
2772	1	New Zealand Certificate in Christian Ministry (Level 4) with strands in Christian Studies and Internship	<i>B-New version of qualification</i>	2772 - 2
2771	1	New Zealand Certificate in Christian Studies (Level 5) with strands in Christian Ministry, and Religious Education	<i>B-New version of qualification</i>	2771 - 2
2793	1	New Zealand Diploma in Christian Studies (Level 5) with strands in Chaplaincy, Christian Leadership, Intercultural Studies, Performing Arts, Te Minita Taha Māori, and Theological Studies New Zealand Diploma in Christian Studies (Level 5) with strands in Chaplaincy, Christian Leadership, Intercultural Studies, Performing Arts, Te Minita Taha Māori, Theological Studies and Biblical Studies	<i>B-New version of qualification</i>	2793 -2
2773	1	New Zealand Diploma in Christian Studies (Level 6) with strands in Biblical Studies, Christian Leadership, Intercultural Studies, Pastoral Ministry, Religious Education, Te Minita Taha Māori, and Theological Studies	<i>B-New version of qualification</i>	2773 - 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
2770	1	New Zealand Certificate in Christian Studies	N/A	31 March 2024
2772	1	New Zealand Certificate in Christian Ministry with strands in Christian Studies and Internship	N/A	31 March 2024
2771	1	New Zealand Certificate in Christian Studies with strands in Christian Ministry, and Religious Education	N/A	31 March 2024
2793	1	New Zealand Diploma in Christian Studies with strands in Chaplaincy, Christian Leadership, Intercultural Studies, Performing Arts, Te Minita Taha Māori, and Theological Studies	N/A	31 March 2024
2773	1	New Zealand Diploma in Christian Studies with strands in Biblical Studies, Christian Leadership, Intercultural Studies, Pastoral Ministry, Religious Education, Te Minita Taha Māori, and Theological Studies	N/A	31 March 2024

*only required for outcome category C or D

Any additional information

Learners should not be enrolled in programmes leading to the award of the replaced qualifications unless there is sufficient time available for them to meet the programme requirements before that version is discontinued.

Learners currently enrolled in programmes leading to version 1 of these qualifications may either complete the requirements by 31 March 2024 or transfer to version 2 of the qualification.

It is anticipated that no existing learners will be disadvantaged by these transition arrangements. However, anyone who feels that they have been disadvantaged may appeal to the qualification developer at:

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