

Field: Engineering and Related Technologies

Change report for the review of Electronics Technology New Zealand Qualifications

Reviewed qualifications

[Ref]	Version	Qualification title	Level	Credits
3633	1	New Zealand Certificate in Electronics Technology	2	40
3634	1	New Zealand Certificate in Electronics Technology	3	40

Review information

Qualification Developer	Waihanga Ara Rau Construction and Infrastructure Workforce Development Council
Reason for the review	Scheduled 5-year review
Review date	October 2022
Outcome date	November 2022
Next review date	N/A Qualifications to be discontinued

Summary of review and consultation process

Waihanga Ara Rau Construction and Infrastructure Workforce Development Council has completed the review of the qualifications listed above.

A technical advisory group (TAG) was formed from industry and providers with consent to assess the unit standards specific to Electronics Technology. Information was posted on the Waihanga Ara Rau website and stakeholders informed by email. The collated feedback from various stakeholders from ITOs, government agencies, industry employers and electronic technicians/engineers indicated that the rationale and the need for the above qualifications need to be reassessed. The TAG considered the need for the 40 credit qualifications given that schools have shifted their focus to NCEA and hence focussed on the standards rather than the qualifications.

- Consultation with the Skills ITO on the History and Rationale of the qualifications highlighted that the quals were valued in the earlier days but now providers are focused on the provision of standards rather than qualifications.
- Our TAG members from the secondary school space highlighted that offering a 40-credit unit standard qualification would be challenging in the school system.
- We also received similar feedback from our consultation with the Lead Advisors of Secondary/Tertiary Pathways, Ministry of Education.
- Representatives from the Industry Connection of Excellence (ICE) which is the receiver and provider of the suite of electro technology qualifications from the Skills Organisation have also confirmed that both the qualifications are redundant.
- In addition to the above points, there are also no approved programmes supporting these qualifications and hence there are no graduates or trainees.
- All the above discussions have led to the conclusion that these qualifications are redundant.

Main changes resulting from the review

The following qualifications will expire on 31 December 2023 and will not be replaced:

- New Zealand Certificate in Electronics Technology (Level 2) [Ref: 3633]
- New Zealand Certificate in Electronics Technology (Level 3) [Ref: 3634]

Review outcome

Reference	Version	Reviewed qualification	Outcome category	New qualification details/version (if applicable)
3633	1	New Zealand Certificate in Electronics Technology (Level 2)	<i>D-Qualification will expire with no replacement</i>	3633-2
3634	1	New Zealand Certificate in Electronics Technology (Level 3)	<i>D-Qualification will expire with no replacement</i>	3634-2

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
3633	1	New Zealand Certificate in Electronics Technology (Level 2)	31 December 2022	31 December 2023
3634	1	New Zealand Certificate in Electronics Technology (Level 3)	31 December 2022	31 December 2023

*only required for outcome category C or D

Any additional information

There are no approved programmes supporting these qualifications and hence there are no graduates or trainees.

It is not intended that anyone be disadvantaged by this review. However, anyone who feels they have been disadvantaged can appeal to Waihanga Ara Rau Construction and Infrastructure Workforce Development Council at the contact details below.

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