

Field: Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

Change report for the review of Animal Healthcare, Animal Technology, and Veterinary Nursing New Zealand Qualifications

Reviewed qualifications

[Ref]	Version	Qualification title	Level	Credits
4388	1	New Zealand Certificate in Animal Healthcare Assisting (Level 4) with strands in Companion Animal Healthcare, Equine Healthcare, and Rural Animal Healthcare	4	120
4389	1	New Zealand Diploma in Veterinary Nursing (Level 6) with strands in Companion Animal Veterinary Nursing, and Equine Veterinary Nursing	6	240
4390	1	New Zealand Diploma in Animal Healthcare Technology with strands in Canine and Equine Rehabilitation, and Equine Dental Technology (Level 6)	6	240
4391	1	New Zealand Diploma in Rural Animal Veterinary Technology (Level 6)	6	240

Review information

Qualification Developer	Muka Tangata Workforce Development Council
Reason for the review	Practicum requirements review
Review date	September 2022
Outcome date	October 2022
Next review date	April 2026

Summary of review and consultation process

The Animal Technology and Veterinary Nursing qualifications contained practicum hours and conditions in line with international standards. Programme development identified that the increased practicum hours required to be completed in veterinary clinics may be a barrier for learners due to the lack of availability of suitable veterinary clinics. Programme development also identified an issue with species requirements for Outcomes 1-6. The range of species required to be assessed was a barrier for some learners.

Stakeholder meetings were held in August and September 2022 with Te Pūkenga subsidiaries, VetNurse Plus (Private provider), industry and the Allied Veterinary Professional Regulatory Council (AVPRC) to discuss practicum hours.

Changes were made to qualification conditions that allowed practicum hours to be completed in alternative environments, but still allowed the intention of the qualification outcomes to be met.

Changes were made to species required to be assessed for Outcomes 1-6.

Feedback was requested, and the revised qualifications were agreed to. It was also agreed that a programme guidance document for programme developers would provide further detail on acceptable practicum situations. No changes were made to the qualification Graduate Profile, including the graduate profile outcomes.

Main changes resulting from the review

Changes to General conditions for programmes for all qualifications:

- The situations where practicum hours could be achieved were amended to include an alternative environment where learners are able to apply the intention of the outcomes.
- The range of species required for assessment of Outcomes 1-6 was amended from 'cats, dogs, equine and ruminants' to 'a range of animal species'.
- The availability of a programme guidance document through Muka Tangata Workforce Development Council was added.

No last date of assessment has been applied to version 1 of these qualifications, both version 1 and 2 will remain current. Providers will only need to update programmes if they intend to incorporate the new programme conditions.

Review outcome

Reference	Version	Reviewed qualification	Outcome category	New qualification details/version (if applicable)
4388	1	New Zealand Certificate in Animal Healthcare Assisting (Level 4) with strands in Companion Animal Healthcare, Equine Healthcare, and Rural Animal Healthcare	<i>B-New version of qualification</i>	4388-2
4389	1	New Zealand Diploma in Veterinary Nursing (Level 6) with strands in Companion Animal Veterinary Nursing, and Equine Veterinary Nursing	<i>B-New version of qualification</i>	4389-2
4390	1	New Zealand Diploma in Animal Healthcare Technology (Level 6) with strands in Canine and Equine Rehabilitation, and Equine Dental Technology	<i>B-New version of qualification</i>	4390-2
4391	1	New Zealand Diploma in Rural Animal Veterinary Technology (Level 6)	<i>B-New version of qualification</i>	4391-2

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

Additional information

It is the intention of Muka Tangata Workforce Development Council that no existing trainee should be disadvantaged by these transition arrangements. Any person who considers they have been disadvantaged may appeal to:

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