

Field: Community and Social Services

Change report for the review of Youth Work New Zealand Qualifications

Reviewed qualifications

[Ref]	Version	Qualification title	Level	Credits
[Ref: 2448]	2	New Zealand Certificate in Youth Work	3	40
[Ref: 2449]	2	New Zealand Certificate in Youth Work	4	80
[Ref: 3803]	1	New Zealand Diploma in Youth Work	6	240

Review information

Qualification Developer	Toitū Te Waiora - Community Health Education and Social Services Workforce Development Council
Reason for the review	Scheduled 5-year review
Review date	December 2022
Outcome date	February 2023
Next review date	December 2027

Summary of review and consultation process

This review was triggered by the scheduled December 2022 review of the Level 6 Diploma in Youth Work. The Level 3 and 4 Youth Work qualifications were included in this review to ensure alignment, consistency and progression. These qualifications were last reviewed in 2018.

The Youth Work qualifications were reviewed to ensure that they meet current and future demands, and reflect latest research regarding the diverse and complex nature of youth work practice, including the integration of Mana Taiohi; the social and digital worlds where rangatahi exist; the known impacts of trauma and family violence; and the growing body of evidence regarding the mental health and wellbeing of young people.

Stakeholders representing: Iwi, Pacific, faith-based, community related organisations, the Youth Work peak body and professional body, and training providers reviewed the qualifications.

The project was further informed by pre-review stakeholder feedback, collected on two separate occasions in April and June 2022. National consultation took place in October 2022 to gain feedback and support on the proposed changes.

A new Level 5 qualification was developed as part of this review to provide a stepped approach to gaining a youth work qualification. Evidence of support came from national consultation feedback and a Youth Work non-provider based advisory panel.

Main changes resulting from the review

General changes across the suite of qualifications

- Graduate Profile Outcomes (GPOs) have been strengthened to reflect latest research regarding the diverse and complex nature of youth work practice, including the integration of Mana Taiohi.
- Inclusion of a minimum number of hours for practicum.

New Zealand Certificate in Youth Work (Level 3):

- A title change to New Zealand Certificate in Youth Leadership to better reflect the focus of work the youth worker will be engaged in.

New Zealand Certificate in Youth Work (Level 4):

- Merging of graduate profile outcomes (GPOs) 1 and 2 as evidence for each GPO can be gathered in the same assessment(s).
- Addition of a new GPO to acknowledge the high social need for mental health and well-being awareness, and the digital spaces where young people connect.

New Zealand Certificate in Youth Work (Level 5):

- New qualification to provide more opportunities for ākonga to enter and exit the youth work professional pathway and build competence in achievable incremental steps. It would also be the appropriate level for outside professionals who work with rangatahi to develop and strengthen their practice e.g. teachers, counsellors, police youth aid.

New Zealand Diploma in Youth Work Level 6:

- GPOs strengthened (lifted) to better reflect New Zealand Qualifications Framework Level 6 descriptors.

Review outcome

Reference	Version	Reviewed qualification	Outcome category	New qualification details/version (if applicable)
[Ref: 2448]	2	New Zealand Certificate in Youth Work (Level 3) New Zealand Certificate in Youth Leadership (Level 3)	<i>B-New version of qualification</i>	2448-3
[Ref: 2449]	2	New Zealand Certificate in Youth Work (Level 4)	<i>B-New version of qualification</i>	2449-3
[Ref: 4795]	1	New Zealand Certificate in Youth Work (Level 5)	<i>New</i>	4795-1

[Ref: 3803]	1	New Zealand Diploma in Youth Work (Level 6)	<i>B-New version of qualification</i>	3803-2
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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
2448	2	New Zealand Certificate in Youth Work (Level 3)	N/A	31/12/2025
2449	2	New Zealand Certificate in Youth Work (Level 4)	N/A	31/12/2025
3803	1	New Zealand Diploma in Youth Work (Level 6)	N/A	31/12/2025

*only required for outcome category C or D

Any additional information

It is the intention of Toitū te Waiora Workforce Development Council that no person should be disadvantaged by these transition arrangements. However, any person who considers they have been disadvantaged may appeal to:

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