

Field: Journalism, Communication and Media Studies

Change report for the review of Journalism New Zealand Qualifications

Reviewed qualifications

[Ref]	Version	Qualification title	Level	Credits
1871	2	New Zealand Certificate in Journalism	4	60
3208	1	New Zealand Diploma in Journalism	5	120
3209	1	New Zealand Diploma in Journalism	6	120

Review information

Qualification Developer	Toi Mai Workforce Development Council
Reason for the review	5 yearly-review
Review date	June 2022
Outcome date	March 2023
Next review date	March 2028

Summary of review and consultation process

The above qualifications were reviewed by Toi Mai Workforce Development Council, and a specialist advisory group of key industry practitioners and tertiary education providers, who met several times in mid-2022.

The review was conducted concurrently with the review of Communications Media, Radio Broadcasting and Screen Production qualifications to ensure consistency across the suite.

The proposed changes to the New Zealand Diploma in Journalism (Level 5) and the decision to expire the remaining two qualifications were distributed for consultation with key stakeholders and then made available for open consultation via Toi Mai's website in late 2022. The review and expiration of these qualifications was supported by these stakeholders.

Main changes resulting from the review

The following specific changes have been made to each reviewed qualification:

New Zealand Certificate in Journalism (Level 4) [Ref: 1871]

This qualification was designated expiring without replacement due to lack of uptake. It will be expired on 31 December 2024.

New Zealand Diploma in Journalism (Level 5) [Ref: 3208]

- The strategic purpose statement was amended to describe the scope of practice and the community outcomes.
- The Education and Employment pathways were updated to current industry opportunities.
- Details for the qualification award were amended to reflect current NZQA listing requirements.
- General conditions for programmes were updated and grouped under subheadings to include te ao Māori and other cultural perspectives into professional practice.
- The graduate profile outcomes (GPOs) were amended to align to the skills and competencies required by graduates in line with current industry needs.

- A new GPO was included on how to engage, as a journalist, with te ao Māori and with people from other ethnic cultural backgrounds.
- Credits were redistributed in line with changes to the GPOs.

New Zealand Diploma in Journalism (Level 6) [Ref: 3209]

This qualification was designated expiring without replacement due to lack of uptake. It will be expired on 31 December 2024.

Review outcome

Reference	Version	Reviewed qualification	Outcome category	New qualification details/version (if applicable)
1871	2	New Zealand Certificate in Journalism (Level 4)	<i>D-Qualification will expire with no replacement</i>	1871-3
3208	1	New Zealand Diploma in Journalism (Level 5)	<i>B-New version of qualification</i>	3208-2
3209	1	New Zealand Diploma in Journalism (Level 6)	<i>D-Qualification will expire with no replacement</i>	3209-2

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
1871	1	New Zealand Certificate in Journalism (Level 4)	1 February 2024	31 December 2024
3208	1	New Zealand Diploma in Journalism (Level 5)	N/A	31 December 2024
3209	1	New Zealand Diploma in Journalism (Level 6)	1 February 2024	31 December 2024

*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 Toi Mai Workforce Development Council at the address below. Appeals will be considered on a case by case basis.

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