

**Field: Agriculture, Environmental and Related Studies**

**Change report for *Forest Industry New Zealand Certificate***

Ref	Version	Qualification Title (Level)	Credits
2325	3	New Zealand Certificate in Forest Industry Foundation Skills (Level 2)	45

**Review information**

Qualification Developer	Muka Tangata – People, Food and Fibre Workforce Development Council
Reason for the review	Scheduled review
Review date	July 2023
Outcome date	November 2023
Next review date	November 2028

**Summary of development/review and consultation process**

Muka Tangata - People, Food and Fibre Workforce Development Council reviewed the above qualification as part of the Forestry qualification suite review involving all Forestry qualifications and standards from Levels 2-6. Consultation with industry began July 2023. A steering group and three working groups were formed for the purposes of the review. The working groups consisted of various members from contractors to employers with subject matter expertise within forestry areas such as silviculture, harvesting, and road works operations. These working groups assisted with reviewing the Forest Industry (Level 2) qualification. In addition, providers were consulted on a monthly basis to provide guidance from a programming perspective.

Industry reported that the current structure of the current qualification lacks flexibility to allow learners to achieve and fails to provide accurate pathways leading into the forestry industry. Consequently, they recommended that the qualification be based on a core set of skills and knowledge (health and safety, well-being emphasis on mental health, employment pathways, Mātauranga Māori). The qualification should, where possible, be micro-credentialised to provide flexibility for learners.

Therefore, due to the scale of change, the New Zealand Certificate in Forest Industry Foundation Skills (Level 2) will be expired and replaced by New Zealand Certificate in Forest Industry Foundation Skills with strands in Harvesting, Silviculture and Earthworks (Level 2) [Ref: 4918-1].

**Main changes resulting from the review process**

The significant changes to the present qualification required a replacement of the current qualification.

**New Zealand Certificate in Forest Industry Foundation Skills (Level 2) [Ref: 2325-3]**

- This qualification will be expired and replaced with a new qualification: New Zealand Certificate in Forest Industry Foundation Skills (Level 2) with strands in Harvesting, Silviculture and Earthworks [Ref: 4918-1].
- The last date of entry to programmes leading to this qualification is 31 December 2024 and the last date of assessment is 30 June 2025.

- Standard setting body information was updated to Muka Tangata - People, Food and Fibre Workforce Development Council.

**New Zealand Certification in Forest Industry Foundations Skills with strands in Harvesting, Silviculture and Earthworks (Level 3) [Ref: 4918-1]**

- Qualification updated to include specialised strands in harvesting, silviculture, and earthworks.
- Credit value range is 40-50, depending on strand.

**Review outcome**

Ref:	Version	Reviewed qualification	Outcome category	New qualification details/version (if applicable)
2325	3	New Zealand Certificate in Forest Industry Foundation Skills (Level 2)  <b>New Zealand Certificate in Forest Industry Foundations Skills with strands in Harvesting, Silviculture and Earthworks (Level 2)</b>	C-New replacement qualification	2325-3 to expire  <b>4918-1 new</b>

**Qualification review outcome categories**

Outcome	Result	Category
Minor changes to the qualification	Qualification version number and ID (Ref) remain the same New review date is required	A
Moderate changes to the qualification	New qualification version number ID (Ref) remains the same New review date is required	B
Significant changes to the qualification	New replacement qualification with a new ID (Ref) The existing qualification will expire	C
The qualification is no longer required by industry	The qualification will expire with no replacement	D

**Transition information**

Ref:	Version	Qualification Title (Level)	Last date of entry*	Last date of assessment
2325	2	New Zealand Certificate in Forest Industry Foundation Skills (Level 2)	31/12/2024	30/06/2025

*\*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 Muka Tangata - People, Food and Fibre Workforce Development Council at the address below.

Appeals will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

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