

Field: Communication

Change report for the review of *Communication* New Zealand Qualifications

Reviewed qualifications

Ref	Version	Qualification Title (Level)	Credits
3577	1	New Zealand Diploma in Communication Studies	5
3578	1	New Zealand Diploma in Communication Studies	6

Review information

Qualification Developer	Te Pūkenga - New Zealand Institute of Skills and Technology
Reason for the review	Scheduled 5-year review
Review date	January 2024
Outcome date	February 2024
Next review date	To be expired

Summary of review and consultation process

Open Polytechnic | Te Pūkenga developed these qualifications. However, neither Open Polytechnic, nor any other provider, has developed a programme of study for either qualification. Open Polytechnic has no stakeholders, graduates, or end users of the qualifications.

Open Polytechnic | Te Pūkenga consulted with Toi Mai Workforce Development Council regarding the Qualification Review. The intention was that Toi Mai would become the Qualification Owner during the Review process. It was recommended by Open Polytechnic to expire the qualifications.

Before making a final decision, Toi Mai consulted with the Commercial Communications Council about the proposed expiry of the qualifications. The Council did not have a view on retaining the qualifications, or to the necessity for these qualifications in the context of all the other offerings available.

Toi Mai has developed two new qualifications – New Zealand Certificate in Content Creation (Level 4) [Ref: 4789] and the New Zealand Diploma in Content Creation (Level 5) [Ref: 4790] which may provide an alternative pathway for some learners.

Based on the consultation with the Commercial Communications Council, the development of the two new qualifications, and the fact that there is no approved programme of study for either qualification Toi Mai supported Open Polytechnic’s proposal to expire the qualifications.

Main changes resulting from the review process

To expire the following qualifications:

New Zealand Diploma in Communication Studies (Level 5) [Ref: 3577-1]

New Zealand Diploma in Communication Studies (Level 6) [Ref: 3578-1]

Review outcome

Ref:	Version	Reviewed qualification	Outcome category	New qualification details/version (if applicable)
3577	1	New Zealand Diploma in Communication Studies	D-Qualification will expire with no replacement	3577-2 To expire
3578	1	New Zealand Diploma in Communication Studies	D-Qualification will expire with no replacement	3578-2 To expire

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
3577	1	New Zealand Diploma in Communication Studies (Level 5)	30/06/2024	31/12/2024
3578	1	New Zealand Diploma in Communication Studies (Level 6)	30/06/2024	31/12/2024

**only required for outcome category C or D*

Any additional information

It is the intention of Open Polytechnic | Te Pūkenga that no existing candidate should be disadvantaged by these transition arrangements.

Any person who considers they have been disadvantaged may appeal to Open Polytechnic | Te Pūkenga at the address below.

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