

Field: Engineering and Technology

Review of Fire Protection New Zealand qualification

Reviewed qualification

Ref	Version	Qualification Title (Level)	Credits
2579	2	New Zealand Certificate in Fire Protection Systems Technology (Inspections) (Level 4) with strands in Fire Detection and Alarms Systems, and Fixed Fire Protection Systems	205-220

Review information

Qualification Developer	Hanga-Aro-Rau Manufacturing, Engineering and Logistics Workforce Development Council
Reason for the review	Early review due concerns about version 2 review.
Review date	October 2023
Outcome date	July 2024
Next review date	July 2029

Summary of development/review and consultation process

Hanga-Aro-Rau reviewed the unit standards aligned with the New Zealand Certificate in Fire Protection Systems Technology in June 2023, which identified concerns with version 2 of the qualification.

A survey was conducted, and feedback was sought from providers, industry, and relevant associations. Attestations from the provider and the industry are included in this submission to NZQA, supporting a preference for version one of the qualification.

At the last qualification review, changes were made to graduate profile outcomes and overall credit values. These changes raised issues regarding notional learning hours and the removal of crucial learning, 'Test and inspect fire detection and alarm systems being undertaken,' when outcome 2 merged with outcome 3. Both provider and industry stated that version 1of the qualifications had been working well and was fit for purpose.

Main changes resulting from the review process

Qualification total credits increased from 205-220 to 240.

Graduate Profile Outcome 2 amended, and its credit value increased from 45 to 50 credits.

Graduate Profile Outcome 3 added, with a credit value of 50 credits.

Graduate Profile Outcome 8 amended, and its credit value decreased from 135 to 100 credits.

Graduate Profile Outcome 9 amended, and its credit value decreased from 120 to 100 credits.

Review outcome

Ref:	Version	Reviewed qualification	Outcome category	New qualification details/version (if applicable)
2579	2	New Zealand Certificate in Fire Protection Systems Technology (Inspections) (Level 4) with strands in Fire Detection and Alarms Systems, and Fixed Fire Protection Systems	B-New version of qualification	2579 - 3

Qualification review outcome categories

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

Transition information

Ref:	Version	Qualification Title (Level)	Last date of	Last date of
			entry*	assessment
2579	2	New Zealand Certificate in Fire Protection Systems Technology (Inspections) (Level 4) with strands in Fire Detection and Alarms Systems, and Fixed Fire Protection Systems	N/A	31/12/2026

*only required for outcome category C or D

Any additional information

It is anticipated that no learners will be disadvantaged by these transition arrangements. However, anyone who feels that they have been disadvantaged may appeal to Hanga-Aro-Rau Manufacturing, Engineering and Logistics Workforce Development Council at the address below. Appeals will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

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