

Field: Humanities

Review and Listing of New Zealand English Language qualifications

Reviewed qualifications

Ref	Version	Qualification title	Credits
1879	2	New Zealand Certificate in English Language (Foundation) (Level 1)	60
1880	2	New Zealand Certificate in English Language (Level 1)	60
1881	2	New Zealand Certificate in English Language (Level 2)	60
1882	2	New Zealand Certificate in English Language (General) (Level 3)	60
3667	1	New Zealand Certificate in English Language (Applied) (Level 3)	60
3669	1	New Zealand Certificate in English Language (General) (Level 4)	60
3668	1	New Zealand Certificate in English Language (Employment) (Level 4)	60
1883	2	New Zealand Certificate in English Language (Academic) (Level 4)	60
1884	2	New Zealand Certificate in English Language (Academic) (Level 5)	60

Review information

Qualification Developer	National Qualifications Services (NQS)
Reason for the review	Scheduled five-year review
Review date	31 December 2023
Outcome date	27 June 2024
Next review date	30 June 2029

Summary of development/review and consultation process

The review of the New Zealand Certificate in English Language qualifications was conducted by NZQA National Qualifications Services, in collaboration with the New Zealand Certificate in English Language communities in Aotearoa New Zealand.

In preparation for the review, a scoping exercise was undertaken to gain understanding of the target learners and identify the barriers to learner success and tertiary and secondary needs for the qualifications. Data was collected and analysed, and engagement with providers and other stakeholders were undertaken.

To ensure the cross-sector representation, eight panel members were selected to review the qualifications. This group included stakeholders from the Ministry of Education, tertiary (Private Training Establishments – Ara Institute of Canterbury, Bridge International College, English Language Partners NZ Trust, English Teaching College, Te Pūkenga – Wintec, Unitec, University of Waikato), peak bodies (NZCEL providers forum, TESOLANZ).

At all significant stages, stakeholders were kept informed and invited to contribute to the review. This included a pre-review survey for programme providers and full sector consultation in November 2023.

Over the course of the review, clarification of the expectations of the qualifications was collated into a supporting document to provide guidance to programme developers and practitioners.

The [NZCEL Supporting Document](#) will be reviewed in 2024 to align with the reviewed qualifications, and the English Language and English for Academic Purposes unit standards. This document includes guidelines informed by the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) and promotes consistent assessment practice. A structured overview of all CEFR related scales can be found at <http://www.coe.int/en/web/portfolio/overview-of-cefr-related-scales>.

Main changes resulting from the development/review process

General changes across the suite of New Zealand Certificate in English Language qualifications:

- Strategic purpose statements were revised to ensure they were fit for purpose and relevant to current and future learners.
- Graduate profile outcomes have been amended to more closely align to the Strategic Purpose statement
- Education, employment, cultural and community pathways have been adjusted to reflect graduate destinations.
- Evidence requirements have been simplified.

New qualifications:

Four new qualifications have been developed:

- New Zealand Certificate in English Language (Academic) (Level 3) [Ref:4998-1]
- New Zealand Certificate in English Language (General) (Level 5) [Ref: 5001-1]
- New Zealand Certificate in English Language (Employment) (Level 5) [Ref: 5000-1]
- New Zealand Certificate in English Language (Advanced) (Level 6) [Ref: 4999-1]

Development/ Review outcome

Reference	Version	Qualification Title	Outcome category	New qualification ID/version (as applicable)
1879	2	New Zealand Certificate in English Language (Foundation) (Level 1)	<i>B-New version of qualification</i>	1879-3
1880	2	New Zealand Certificate in English Language (Level 1)	<i>B-New version of qualification</i>	1880-3
1881	2	New Zealand Certificate in English Language (Level 2)	<i>B-New version of qualification</i>	1881-3
1882	2	New Zealand Certificate in English Language (General) (Level 3)	<i>B-New version of qualification</i>	1882-3
3667	1	New Zealand Certificate in English Language (Applied) (Level 3)	<i>B-New version of qualification</i>	3667-2
New	1	New Zealand Certificate in English Language (Academic) (Level 3)	<i>B-New version of qualification</i>	4998-1
3669	1	New Zealand Certificate in English Language (General) (Level 4)	<i>B-New version of qualification</i>	3669-2

3668	1	New Zealand Certificate in English Language (Employment) (Level 4)	<i>B-New version of qualification</i>	3668-2
1883	2	New Zealand Certificate in English Language (Academic) (Level 4)	<i>B-New version of qualification</i>	1883-3
New	1	New Zealand Certificate in English Language (General) (Level 5)	<i>B-New version of qualification</i>	5001-1
New	1	New Zealand Certificate in English Language (Employment) (Level 5)	<i>B-New version of qualification</i>	5000-1
1884	2	New Zealand Certificate in English Language (Academic) (Level 5)	<i>B-New version of qualification</i>	1884-3
New	1	New Zealand Certificate in English Language (Advanced) (Level 6)	<i>B-New version of qualification</i>	4999-1

Qualification review outcome categories

Outcome	Result	Category
Minor changes to the qualification	Qualification version number and NZQF ID remain the same. New review date is required.	A
Moderate changes to the qualification	New qualification version number. Ref/ID remains the same. New review date is required.	B
Significant changes to the qualification	New replacement qualification with a new Ref/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
1879	2	New Zealand Certificate in English Language (Foundation) (Level 1)	N/A	31/12/2026
1880	2	New Zealand Certificate in English Language (Level 1)	N/A	31/12/2026
1881	2	New Zealand Certificate in English Language (Level 2)	N/A	31/12/2026
1882	2	New Zealand Certificate in English Language (General) (Level 3)	N/A	31/12/2026
3667	1	New Zealand Certificate in English Language (Applied) (Level 3)	N/A	31/12/2026
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**only required for outcome category C or D*

Any additional information, including Qualification Developer contact details

It is not intended that any existing candidate be disadvantaged by these transition arrangements, however anyone who feels they have been disadvantaged may appeal to:

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