

## Field: *Community and Social Services*

### Review of Youth Work New Zealand Qualifications

#### Reviewed qualifications

Ref	Version	Qualification Title	Credits
2448	3	New Zealand Certificate in Youth Leadership (Level 3)	40
2449	3	New Zealand Certificate in Youth Work (Level 4)	80
4795	1	New Zealand Certificate in Youth Work (Level 5)	120
3803	2	New Zealand Diploma in Youth Work (Level 6)	240

#### Review information

Qualification Developer	Toitū te Waiora Community, Health, Education and Social Services Workforce Development Council
Reason for the review	The review was conducted so that the qualifications would be ready to include mandatory skill standards, as they are approved.
Review date	March 2024
Outcome date	June 2024
Next review date	30 June 2029

#### Summary of review and consultation process

This review follows on from the development of skill standards, for programmes leading to the Youth Work qualifications approved by NZQA in February 2023.

As a result, further preliminary engagements with the Youth Work sector Advisory Group indicated these qualifications needed to be updated again to articulate a coherent and consistent use of sector language. The qualifications suite required clearer integration of the principles of Mana Taiohi to better reflect the Youth Work environment and to provide clear alignment with the Youth Work skill standards suite.

The proposed changes were discussed and changes to the qualifications were made. Feedback was positive and the proposed changes were accepted.

#### Main changes resulting from the review process

- The term 'young people' was changed to 'taiohi'.
- Youth Development Strategy Aotearoa (2002) reference was removed.
- Code of Ethics for Youth in Aotearoa New Zealand (2011) reference was changed to The Code of Ethics - Ara Taiohi.
- Mana Taiohi Framework - Ara Taiohi reference was changed to Mana Taiohi - Ara Taiohi.

- Strategic purpose statements - minor wording change to reflect Mana Taiohi principles.
- Graduate profile outcome number sequence was re-aligned in the Level 4-6 qualifications to provide clearer progression and better reflect the Youth Work environment, and to provide clear alignment with the Youth Work Skill Standards suite.

### Review outcome

Ref:	Version	Reviewed qualifications	Outcome category	New qualification details/version (if applicable)
2448	3	New Zealand Certificate in Youth Leadership (Level 3)	B-New version of qualification	2448-4
2449	3	New Zealand Certificate in Youth Work (Level 4)	B-New version of qualification	2449-4
4795	1	New Zealand Certificate in Youth Work (Level 5)	B-New version of qualification	4795-2
3803	2	New Zealand Diploma in Youth Work (Level 6)	B-New version of qualification	3803-3

### 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	Last date of entry*	Last date of assessment
2448	3	New Zealand Certificate in Youth Leadership (Level 3)	N/A	31 December 2026
2449	3	New Zealand Certificate in Youth Work (Level 4)	N/A	31 December 2026
4795	1	New Zealand Certificate in Youth Work (Level 5)	N/A	31 December 2026
3803	2	New Zealand Diploma in Youth Work (Level 6)	N/A	31 December 2026

*\*only required for outcome category C or D*

## Any additional information, including Qualification Developer contact details

Learners currently enrolled in programmes leading to these qualifications may complete the requirements by the last dates of assessment, or where applicable, transfer to the replacement qualifications or version.

It is anticipated that no existing learners will be disadvantaged by these transition arrangements. However, anyone who feels that they have been disadvantaged may appeal to the qualification developer:

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