

Field: Planning and Construction

Review of *Flooring* New Zealand Qualifications

Reviewed qualifications

Ref	Version	Qualification Title (Level)	Credits
4296	1	New Zealand Certificate in Flooring Installation (Level 4) with strands in Bonded Carpet, Conventional Carpet, Commercial Resilient Flooring, and Residential Resilient Flooring	95-110
4297	1	New Zealand Certificate in Flooring Planning and Design (Level 4) with optional strands in Estimation, and Site Assessment	85-120
4299	1	New Zealand Certificate in Flooring Surface Preparation (Level 4) with strands in Concrete Polishing, Mechanical Preparation, Moisture Treatment, and Underlayment Systems (with optional strand in Topical Coatings)	60-95
4300	1	New Zealand Certificate in Timber and Composite Flooring (Level 4) with strands in Bonded Installation, and Fine Floor Sand and Finishes	140

Review information

Qualification Developer	Waihanga Ara Rau Construction and Infrastructure Workforce Development Council
Reason for the review	Alignment of the qualifications with mandatory skill standards
Review date	May 2024
Outcome date	November 2024
Next review date	December 2029

Summary of development/review and consultation process

Waihanga Ara Rau Construction and Infrastructure Workforce Development Council has reviewed flooring qualifications listed above.

Starting in May 2024, stakeholders were emailed, and the review was advertised on the Waihanga Ara Rau website. Interested parties were invited to provide feedback via email or attendance at online meetings. A technical advisory group was formed to consider proposed changes, including representatives from FloorNZ (the industry association), industry stakeholders, and training providers.

Online meetings were held with the technical advisory group in June and July 2024. Consultation concluded that minor changes were needed to the qualifications and confirmed the alignment of the qualification outcomes with mandatory skill standards.

Main changes resulting from the review process

For all qualifications:

- Mandatory skill standards were listed in the Conditions relating to the Qualification outcomes.
- Qualification specifications, transition information, and contact details were updated.
- Graduate Profile Outcome 1 relating to applying legislation, industry standards and workplace procedures was removed because these skills are explicitly assessed in

context in the associated mandatory skill standards. In addition, the general conditions were updated to state that programmes must be in accordance with current standards, acts, and legislation, as well as reflecting safe working practices.

- Graduate profile outcomes with low credits were consolidated into a single higher credit outcome relating to operating safely to the standards expected of a professional in the flooring trades, with the detail contained in the mandatory skill standards.
- Credit values for graduate profile outcomes were adjusted to reflect the changes to the core graduate profile outcomes and create alignment with the credit values of the mandatory skill standards. The qualification overall total credits remain the same.

New Zealand Certificate in Flooring Planning and Design [Ref: 4297]

- The qualification graduate profile outcomes were reduced by 5 credits and the optional strands graduate profile outcomes were each increased by 5 credits
- Overall qualification credits reduced from 85 credits to 80 credits to reflect this.

New Zealand Certificate in Timber and Composite Flooring [Ref: 4300]

- Title - the term 'Composite' was replaced with the term 'Engineered Timber' to align with industry preferred terminology.

Review outcome

Ref:	Version	Reviewed qualification	Outcome category	New qualification details/version (if applicable)
4296	1	New Zealand Certificate in Flooring Installation (Level 4) with strands in Bonded Carpet, Conventional Carpet, Commercial Resilient Flooring, and Residential Resilient Flooring	B-New version of qualification	4296-2
4297	1	New Zealand Certificate in Flooring Planning and Design (Level 4) with optional strands in Estimation, and Site Assessment	B-New version of qualification	4297-2
4299	1	New Zealand Certificate in Flooring Surface Preparation (Level 4) with strands in Concrete Polishing, Mechanical Preparation, Moisture Treatment, and Underlayment Systems (with optional strand in Topical Coatings)	B-New version of qualification	4299-2
4300	1	New Zealand Certificate in Timber and Composite Flooring (Level 4) with strands in Bonded Installation, and Fine Floor Sand and Finishes New Zealand Certificate in Timber and Engineered Timber Flooring (Level 4) with strands in Bonded Installation, and Fine Floor Sand and Finishes	B-New version of qualification	4300-2

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
4296	1	New Zealand Certificate in Flooring Installation (Level 4) with strands in Bonded Carpet, Conventional Carpet, Commercial Resilient Flooring, and Residential Resilient Flooring	N/A	31 December 2027
4297	1	New Zealand Certificate in Flooring Planning and Design (Level 4) with optional strands in Estimation, and Site Assessment	N/A	31 December 2027
4299	1	New Zealand Certificate in Flooring Surface Preparation (Level 4) with strands in Concrete Polishing, Mechanical Preparation, Moisture Treatment, and Underlayment Systems (with optional strand in Topical Coatings)	N/A	31 December 2027
4300	1	New Zealand Certificate in Timber and Composite Flooring (Level 4) with strands in Bonded Installation, and Fine Floor Sand and Finishes	N/A	31 December 2027

**only required for outcome category C or D*

Any additional information

Learners currently enrolled in programmes leading to version 1 of these qualifications may complete the requirements by 31 December 2027, or transfer to version 2 of the qualification.

It is the intention of Waihangā Ara Rau that no existing learner should be disadvantaged by these transition arrangements. Any person who considers they have been disadvantaged may contact the qualification developer at:

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