

## Field: Community and Social Services

### Review of *Funeral and Embalming* New Zealand Qualifications

#### Reviewed qualifications

Ref	Version	Qualification Title	Credits
1942	2	New Zealand Diploma in Funeral Directing (Level 5)	120
1943	2	New Zealand Diploma in Embalming (Level 5)	120

#### Review information

Qualification Developer	Toitū te Waiora Community, Health, Education and Social Services Workforce Development Council
Reason for the development/review	Scheduled 5-year review
Review date	31 December 2024
Outcome date	November 2024
Next review date	December 2029

#### Summary of review and consultation process

Toitū Te Waiora reviewed the above qualifications between June 2024 and October 2024.

The review included consultation with industry associations, industry, and Tertiary Education Organisations. Consultation events were held, including a national online survey and individual online meetings. Feedback was collated, analysed, and actioned.

The proposed changes to the qualifications were circulated to interested parties, with an update published on the Toitū Te Waiora website. The final drafts were supported by all interested parties.

#### Main changes resulting from the review process

The two qualifications were determined to be fit-for-purpose. Survey participants identified areas of improvements, but most of the suggested changes were directly related to the content of the programmes, not the qualifications. Small changes were made to strengthen both qualifications, and wording was updated to be more current.

##### **New Zealand Diploma in Funeral Directing (Level 5) [Ref: 1942]**

- Evidence requirements for assuring consistency updated.
- General conditions were updated to include mātauranga Māori, multiculturalism and Tāngata Whaikaha.

##### **New Zealand Diploma in Embalming (Level 5) [Ref: 1943]**

- Evidence requirements for assuring consistency updated
- General conditions were updated to include mātauranga Māori, multiculturalism and Tāngata Whaikaha.

#### Review outcome

Ref:	Version	Qualification Title	Outcome category	New qualification ID/version (as applicable)
1942	2	New Zealand Diploma in Funeral Directing (Level 5)	B – New version of qualification	1942-3
1943	2	New Zealand Diploma in Embalming (Level 5)	B – New version of qualification	1943-3

### 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. 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

Ref:	Version	Qualification Title	Last date of entry*	Last date of assessment
1942	2	New Zealand Diploma in Funeral Directing (Level 5)	N/A	31 December 2026
1943	2	New Zealand Diploma in Embalming (Level 5)	N/A	31 December 2026

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

### Any additional information, including Qualification Developer contact details.

It is anticipated that no existing candidates will be disadvantaged by these transition arrangements. However, anyone who feels that they have been disadvantaged may appeal to Toitū te Waiora Workforce Development Council at the address below. Appeals will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

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