

Field Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

Review of *Equine Coaching* New Zealand qualifications

Reviewed qualifications

Ref	Version	Qualification Title	Credits
2372	2	New Zealand Certificate in Equine Coaching (Level 3)	75
2373	2	New Zealand Certificate in Equine Coaching (Level 4) with strands in Dressage, Eventing, and Jumping	110
2378	3	New Zealand Certificate in Equine (Therapeutic Riding - Assistant Coach) (Level 3)	50
2379	3	New Zealand Certificate in Equine (Therapeutic Riding - Coach) (Level 4)	85

Review information

Qualification Developer	Toi Mai Workforce Development Council
Reason for the review	Scheduled review of qualifications
Review date	March 2025
Outcome date	April 2025
Next review date	April 2030

Summary of development/review and consultation process

The qualifications in Equine Coaching were reviewed by Toi Mai Workforce Development Council as part of the regular five-year review cycle. The review was conducted in consultation with representatives from the sector and providers currently offering programmes leading to the qualifications.

Consultation started in June 2024 with a public announcement on the Toi Mai website and direct email contact to providers and industry, followed up with online one-on-one sessions. Consultation was completed by mid-October 2024.

As a result of the review, Toi Mai confirmed that the sector and providers intend to continue using the qualifications, as they are still deemed to be fit for purpose, with minor changes required.

However, the sector and providers indicated that the New Zealand Certificate in Equine Coaching (Level 4) is not used, as learners do not deem it necessary to achieve their career goals. This qualification will be discontinued.

Main changes resulting from the development/review process

New Zealand Certificate in Equine Coaching (Level 3) [Ref: 2372]

New Zealand Certificate in Equine (Therapeutic Riding - Assistant Coach) (Level 3) [Ref: 2378]

New Zealand Certificate in Equine (Therapeutic Riding - Coach) (Level 4) [Ref: 2379]

- Qualifications were moved onto the current template, minor changes were made to ensure they remain fit for purpose.
- The NZSCED codes were updated from 050105 Agriculture, Environmental and Related Studies> Agriculture>Animal Husbandry to 050108 Agriculture, Environmental and Related Studies> Agriculture>Equine Trades.

New Zealand Certificate in Equine Coaching (Level 4) with strands in Dressage, Eventing, and Jumping [Ref: 2373] will be discontinued. Last dates for entry and assessment set.

Development/Review outcome

Ref:	Version	Qualification Title	Outcome category	New qualification ID/version (as applicable)
2372	2	New Zealand Certificate in Equine Coaching (Level 3)	B-New version of qualification	2372-3
2373	2	New Zealand Certificate in Equine Coaching (Level 4) with strands in Dressage, Eventing, and Jumping	D-Qualification will expire with no replacement	2373-3 To expire
2378	3	New Zealand Certificate in Equine (Therapeutic Riding - Assistant Coach) (Level 3)	B-New version of qualification	2378-4
2379	3	New Zealand Certificate in Equine (Therapeutic Riding - Coach) (Level 4)	B-New version of qualification	2379-4

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
2372	2	New Zealand Certificate in Equine Coaching (Level 3)	N/A	31 December 2027
2373	2	New Zealand Certificate in Equine Coaching (Level 4) with strands in Dressage, Eventing, and Jumping	30 June 2025	31 December 2025
2378	3	New Zealand Certificate in Equine (Therapeutic Riding - Assistant Coach) (Level 3)	N/A	31 December 2027
2379	3	New Zealand Certificate in Equine (Therapeutic Riding - Coach) (Level 4)	N/A	31 December 2027

**only required for outcome category C or D*

Any additional information, including Qualification Developer contact details.

It is the intention of Toi Mai Workforce Development Council that no existing trainee should be disadvantaged by these transition arrangements. Any person who considers they have been disadvantaged may appeal to:

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