

Field Service Sector

Review of *Port Operations* New Zealand qualification

Reviewed qualification

Ref	Version	Qualification Title	Credits
2814	3	New Zealand Certificate in Port Operations (Level 3) with strands in Port Administration, Cargo Handling, and Heavy Machine Operation	75

Review information

Qualification Developer	Hanga-Aro-Rau Manufacturing, Engineering and Logistics, Workforce Development Council
Reason for the development/review	Review brought forward as a result of feedback from a consistency review.
Review date	May - Nov 2024
Outcome date	February 2025
Next review date	February 2030

Summary of review and consultation process

Hanga-Aro-Rau WDC brought forward the review of this qualification to address two problems identified in a Consistency Review in 2023: the credit value was too high, and the cargo handling graduate profile outcomes (GPO) lacked specificity.

An advisory group was formed that included representatives from ports, stevedoring companies, industry associations, a regulatory body, and training providers. This group gathered information from the wider industry and collaborated over a series of online meetings to revise the qualification.

As the changes required were substantial, a new qualification was developed to replace the existing qualification. The new qualification is fit-for-purpose and reflects current industry needs. The results of the review were communicated to the National Industry Advisory Group and shared with the members of the consultation group. The proposed changes have the support of the wider industry.

Main changes resulting from the review and development process

The New Zealand Certificate in Port Operations (Level 3) with strands in Port Administration, Cargo Handling, and Heavy Machine Operation [2814] will be expired (Category C) and replaced by a new qualification [Ref: 5256], with the following changes made:

- Wording change to the purpose statement to better reflect the intention of the qualification.
- Wording change in the employment/cultural pathway to better reflect the heavy machinery used in the port environment.
- Qualification credit value reduced from 75 to 60.
- Qualification core GPOs reworded to better reflect industry requirements and include wellbeing.
- Cargo handling strand GPO reworded to more accurately reflect operational activities in the port environment.
- Removal of the condition in the Heavy Machine Operation strand requiring evidence from a minimum of two machines.

Review outcome

Ref:	Version	Qualification Title	Outcome category	New qualification ID/version (as applicable)
2814	3	New Zealand Certificate in Port Operations (Level 3) with strands in Port Administration, Cargo Handling, and Heavy Machine Operation	C-New replacement qualification	2814-4 To expire
5256	1	New Zealand Certificate in Port Operations (Level 3) with strands in Port Administration, Cargo Handling, and Heavy Machine Operation		5256-1

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
2814	3	New Zealand Certificate in Port Operations (Level 3) with strands in Port Administration, Cargo Handling, and Heavy Machine Operation	31 December 2027	31 December 2029

**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 Hanga-Aro-Rau Manufacturing, Engineering and Logistics Workforce Development Council at the address below. Appeals will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

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