

Field: Arts and Crafts

Review of *Drama* New Zealand qualifications

Reviewed qualifications

Ref	Version	Qualification Title	Credits
3415	1	New Zealand Certificate in Drama (Level 4)	120
3428	1	New Zealand Diploma in Drama (Level 5)	120
3429	1	New Zealand Diploma in Drama (Level 6)	240

Review information

Qualification Developer	Toi Mai Workforce Development Council
Reason for the review	Scheduled review of qualifications
Review date	November 2024
Outcome date	January 2025
Next review date	December 2029

Summary of review and consultation process

The Drama qualifications were reviewed by Toi Mai Workforce Development Council as part of the five-year review cycle. The review was overseen by a specialist advisory group consisting of representatives from the sector, including Māori practitioners, and providers currently offering programmes leading to the qualifications.

Following preliminary engagements across the sector, an advisory group was convened at the end of January 2024 to complete draft revision to the qualifications. This initial advisory was subsequently combined with a separately convened Māori actors' group and had multiple meetings from May to September, after which proposed changes were distributed for consultation through an online survey and discussions with key stakeholders. Consultation feedback was integrated into the final versions as appropriate.

Main changes resulting from the review process

Main changes

The reviewed qualifications will be discontinued and have been replaced by new qualifications in Acting to more clearly articulate a graduate's scope of practice and professional identity as an actor. The general conditions for the new qualifications now include links to professional codes and guidelines, as well as new requirements on the integration of te ao Māori and other cultural perspectives into programmes.

Specific details on the differences between the old and new qualifications are as follows:

New Zealand Certificate in Drama (Level 4) [Ref: 3415] replaced by the New Zealand Certificate in Acting (Level 4) [Ref: 5244]

- The strategic purpose statement clarifies the purpose of the qualification to provide graduates with an introduction to industry-relevant skills and competencies, but not necessarily a direct pathway into industry.

- The graduate profile outcomes (GPOs) have been aligned with current industry needs and terminologies, including an emphasis on the importance of personal wellbeing and understanding industry ecosystems.

New Zealand Diploma in Drama (Level 5) [Ref: 3428] replaced by the New Zealand Diploma in Acting (Level 5) [Ref: 5246]

- The strategic purpose statement clarifies the purpose of the qualification as an entry point into the industry as a professional actor.
- The GPOs have been aligned with current industry needs and terminologies, including a focus on personal wellbeing and maintaining sustainable practice, effective engagement with industry ecosystems, and required competencies for operating as independent contractors.

New Zealand Diploma in Drama (Level 6) [Ref: 3429] replaced by the New Zealand Diploma in Acting (Level 6) [Ref: 5247]

- The strategic purpose statement was amended to clarify operational scope where graduates will be able to operate independently as professional actors.
- The GPOs have been aligned with current industry needs and terminology.

Review outcome

Ref:	Version	Reviewed qualification	Outcome category	New qualification ID/version (as applicable)
3415	1	New Zealand Certificate in Drama (Level 4) New Zealand Certificate in Acting (Level 4)	C-New replacement qualification	3415-2 to expire 5244-1 new
3428	1	New Zealand Diploma in Drama (Level 5) New Zealand Diploma in Acting (Level 5)	C-New replacement qualification	3428-2 to expire 5246-1 new
3429	1	New Zealand Diploma in Drama (Level 6) New Zealand Diploma in Acting (Level 6)	C-New replacement qualification	3429-2 to expire 5247-1 new

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
3415	1	New Zealand Certificate in Drama (Level 4)	1 February 2026	31 December 2027
3428	1	New Zealand Diploma in Drama (Level 5)	1 February 2026	31 December 2027
3429	1	New Zealand Diploma in Drama (Level 6)	1 February 2026	31 December 2028

**only required for outcome category C or D*

Any additional information

People currently enrolled in programmes leading to the replaced qualifications may complete the requirements by their last date of assessment, or where applicable, transfer to the replacement qualifications.

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

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