

Field: Engineering

Republication of *Plastics Processing and Engineering* New Zealand Qualifications

Republished qualifications

Ref	Version	Qualification Title (Level)	Credits
2974	2	New Zealand Certificate in Plastics Processing (Level 3)	65-115
2975	2	New Zealand Certificate in Plastics Engineering (Level 4)	120
2976	2	New Zealand Certificate in Plastics Engineering Technology (Level 5)	90

Review information

Qualification Developer	Hanga-Aro-Rau Manufacturing, Engineering and Logistics Workforce Development Council
Reason for the review	To extend the last dates of entry and assessment
Review date	July 2025
Outcome date	July 2025
Next review date	December 2026

Summary of review and consultation process

The qualifications above were scheduled for review in May 2025. However, at the request of industry and considering the upcoming transition to the new vocational education structure, NZQA approved a deferral of the review to December 2026.

Although the reviewed qualifications had a last date of assessment of 31 December 2026, programmes leading to these versions have not been implemented. The sector continues to deliver only version 1.

The last dates of entry for 2974 and 2975 were extended from 31 December 25 to 31 December 2026.

The last dates of assessment for all qualifications were extended from 31 December 2026 to 31 December 2027 to support continuity of delivery and enable learner completion.

This extension provides time for the 2026 qualification review and development of programmes for future delivery.

Industry feedback confirmed that the qualifications remain the current delivery and continue to meet sector needs during this transition period.

Main changes resulting from the review process

The last date of entry to programmes leading to 2974 and 2975 has been extended from 31 December 2025 to 31 December 2026.

The date of assessment for all qualifications has been extended from 31 December 2026 to 31 December 2027.

Transition information

Ref:	Version	Qualification Title (Level)	Last date of entry*	Last date of assessment
2974	2	The New Zealand Certificates in Plastics Processing (Level 3)	31/12/2026	31/12/2027
2975	2	New Zealand Certificate in Plastics Engineering (Level 4)	31/12/2026	31/12/2027
2976	1	New Zealand Certificate in Plastics Engineering Technology (Level 5)	N/A	31/12/2027

**only required for outcome category C or D*

Any additional information

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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