

Field Health

Review of Enrolled Nursing New Zealand qualification

Reviewed qualification

Ref	Version	Qualification Title	Credits
2889	2	New Zealand Diploma in Enrolled Nursing (Level 5)	180

Review information

Qualification Developer	Te Pūkenga – New Zealand Institute of Skills and Technology
	Trading as: Ara Institute of Canterbury
Reason for the review	Scheduled review
Review date	November 2024
Outcome date	June 2030
Next review date	June 2030

Summary of review and consultation process

Te Pūkenga trading as Ara Institute of Canterbury initiated a consultation process regarding the current Diploma in Enrolled Nursing (DEN) qualification listing at the end of November 2024. This consultation engaged key stakeholders across New Zealand including representatives from Health New Zealand, business divisions of Te Pūkenga Institute of Technology and other employers in the health sector. Initially, stakeholder engagement was challenging due to timing: however, a subsequent survey distribution resulted in significantly higher participation. Alongside the survey, Ara upon request, conducted in-person consultations with key healthcare stakeholders from the Waitaha and South Canterbury regions.

This feedback was subsequently addressed during a planned 2-day workshop which considered feedback from stakeholder consultation, the Nursing Council of New Zealand (NCNZ) Nursing Education Programme Standards (2024), and the NCNZ Standards of competence for enrolled nurses (February 2025).

It was determined from the feedback received, and the updated NCNZ Standards of competence for enrolled nurses, necessitated revisions to the current DEN qualification. Consequently, new graduate profile outcomes were developed to align with these standards of competence. This revision addresses identified gaps in the current qualification, particularly in cultural safety and kawa whakaruruhau, leading to adjustments in the indicative credits for each GPO.

Main changes resulting from the development/review process

- Strategic purpose section amended to align with NCNZ Standards of competence for enrolled nurses (February 2025).
- Education Pathway updated.
- General conditions of the programme amended.
- Transition information updated.
- Graduate profile outcomes (GPOs) were integrated, resulting in the reduction from 8 to 6 GPOs. The 6 GPOs align with the 5 Pou of the NCNZ Standards of competence for enrolled nurses.
- Total qualification credits remained at 180, however credits were re-distributed across the 6 GPOs.

Review outcome

Ī	Ref:	Version	Qualification Title	Outcome	New
				category	qualification
					ID/version
					(as applicable)
Ī	2889	2	New Zealand Diploma in Enrolled Nursing (Level 5)	C-New	2889-3
				replacement	To expire
			New Zealand Diploma in Enrolled Nursing (Level 5)	qualification	5354-1

Qualification review outcome categories

Outcome	Result	Category
Minor changes to the	Qualification version number and ID (Ref) remain the	Α
qualification	same.	
	New review date is required.	
Moderate changes to the	New qualification version number.	В
qualification	Ref/ID remains the same.	
	New review date is required.	
Significant changes to the	New replacement qualification with a new Ref/ID	О
qualification	The existing qualification will expire.	
The qualification is no	The qualification will expire with no replacement.	D
longer required by industry		

Transition information

Ref:	Version	Qualification Title	Last date of entry*	Last date of assessment
2889	3	New Zealand Diploma in Enrolled Nursing (Level 5)	31/12/2025	31/12/2026

^{*}only required for outcome category C or D

Any additional information, including Qualification Developer contact details.

Learners currently enrolled in programmes leading to the replaced qualification must complete the requirements by 31 December 2026, or transition to the new qualification.

It is not intended that anyone be disadvantaged by these transition arrangements. Any person who considers they have been disadvantaged may appeal to the address below:

Te Pūkenga | Ara Institute of Canterbury

PO Box 540

Christchurch 8140

Phone: 0800 242 476

Email: quality@ara.ac.nz