

## Field Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

### Review of *Equine* New Zealand qualifications

#### Reviewed qualifications

Ref	Version	Title	Level
2370	2	New Zealand Certificate in Equine Breeding (Stud Groom) (Level 3)	3
2371	2	New Zealand Certificate in Equine Breeding (Senior Stud Groom) (Level 4)	4
2375	2	New Zealand Certificate in Equine Skills (Level 2)	2
2376	2	New Zealand Certificate in Equine Skills (Level 3) with strands in Harness Racing Stable Assistant, Thoroughbred Raceday Strapper, Thoroughbred Stable Assistant, Thoroughbred Racing Track Rider, and Sporthorse Stable Assistant	3
2377	2	New Zealand Certificate in Equine Skills (Sporthorse Groom) (Level 4)	4
2380	2	New Zealand Diploma in Equine Management (Level 5) with strands in Broodmare Management, Yearling Management, Stallion Management, and Racing Stable Foreman	5
4825	1	New Zealand Certificate in Equine Racing (Assistant Trainer) (Level 4)	4

#### Development/Review information

Qualification Developer	Muka Tangata – People, Food and Fibre Workforce Development Council
Reason for the review	Scheduled review
Review dates	November 2024
Outcome date	May 2025
Next review date	May 2030

Summary of review and consultation process
<p>Targeted consultation was carried out in September 2024 with industry representatives from Harness Racing NZ (HRNZ) and NZ Thoroughbred Racing (NZTR), and providers. NZTR also liaised with Equestrian Sports NZ (ESNZ) so their feedback was captured through the NZTR.</p> <p>Feedback indicated that industry was happy with the existing qualification suite, they were working well, and there was need to engage in a formal review of the full suite of qualifications at this stage, with the exception of one qualification – refer below.</p> <p>Further targeted consultation was carried out in April 2025 to confirm the findings from 2024. It was acknowledged by industry that while trainee numbers are not high, the demand is steady.</p> <p>New Zealand Diploma in Equine Management (Level 5) [Ref: 2380] has had no usage however industry have requested that this qualification is retained for future use. The New Zealand Certificate in Equine Racing (Assistant Trainer) (Level 4) [Ref: 4825] has a relatively new programme offered and currently has enrolments and trainees working through the programme who are expected to complete requirements in 2026.</p>

Main changes resulting from the development/review process
<p>Qualification review indicated they were fit for purpose, and no major changes were required. Transferred to the current template and reversioned.</p> <p>Minor updates for currency included qualification award, consistency and general conditions for programmes.</p> <p>Programme endorsement information was added.</p> <p>Review and transition dates were set.</p>

## Development/Review outcome

Ref:	Version	Qualification Title	Outcome category	New qualification ID/version (as applicable)
2370	2	New Zealand Certificate in Equine Breeding (Stud Groom) (Level 3)	B-New version of qualification	2370-3
2371	2	New Zealand Certificate in Equine Breeding (Senior Stud Groom) (Level 4)	B-New version of qualification	2371-3
2375	2	New Zealand Certificate in Equine Skills (Level 2)	B-New version of qualification	2375-3
2376	2	New Zealand Certificate in Equine Skills (Level 3) with strands in Harness Racing Stable Assistant, Thoroughbred Raceday Strapper, Thoroughbred Stable Assistant, Thoroughbred Racing Track Rider, and Sporthorse Stable Assistant	B-New version of qualification	2376-3
2377	2	New Zealand Certificate in Equine Skills (Sporthorse Groom) (Level 4)	B-New version of qualification	2377-3
2380	2	New Zealand Diploma in Equine Management (Level 5) with strands in Broodmare Management, Yearling Management, Stallion Management, and Racing Stable Foreman	B-New version of qualification	2380-3
4825	1	New Zealand Certificate in Equine Racing (Assistant Trainer) (Level 4)	B-New version of qualification	4825-2

## 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
2370	2	New Zealand Certificate in Equine Breeding (Stud Groom) (Level 3)	N/A	31 May 2027
2371	2	New Zealand Certificate in Equine Breeding (Senior Stud Groom) (Level 4)	N/A	31 May 2027
2375	2	New Zealand Certificate in Equine Skills (Level 2)	N/A	31 May 2027
2376	2	New Zealand Certificate in Equine Skills (Level 3) with strands in Harness Racing Stable Assistant, Thoroughbred Raceday Strapper, Thoroughbred Stable Assistant, Thoroughbred Racing Track Rider, and Sporthorse Stable Assistant	N/A	31 May 2027
2377	2	New Zealand Certificate in Equine Skills (Sporthorse Groom) (Level 4)	N/A	31 May 2027
2380	2	New Zealand Diploma in Equine Management (Level 5) with strands in Broodmare Management, Yearling Management, Stallion Management, and Racing Stable Foreman	N/A	31 May 2027
4825	1	New Zealand Certificate in Equine Racing (Assistant Trainer) (Level 4)	N/A	31 May 2027

## Any additional information, including Qualification Developer contact details.

It is intended that no existing learners will be disadvantaged by these transition arrangements. Any person who considers they have been disadvantaged may contact:

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