

Field Community and Social Services

Review of Sport and Recreation New Zealand qualifications

Reviewed qualifications

Ref	Version	Qualification Title	Credits
3573	1	New Zealand Certificate in Sport and Recreation (Programme Delivery) (Level 4)	60
3647	1	New Zealand Certificate in Facility Operations (Level 4)	120

Review information

Qualification Developer	Services Industry Skills Board
Reason for the review	Scheduled review
Review date	October 2025
Outcome date	30 April 2026
Next review date	30 April 2031

Summary of development/review and consultation process

In June 2025, Toi Mai Workforce Development Council initiated the review of sport and recreation qualifications, New Zealand Certificate in Facility Operations (Level 4) [Ref: 3647] and New Zealand Certificate in Sport and Recreation (Programme Delivery) (Level 4) [Ref 3573].

A review stakeholder group was established, comprising of members from industry and providers. The group met multiple times from June to October 2025, to discuss review feedback, including expiring the qualifications and drafting of the replacement qualification and standards. The proposed changes were distributed for consultation on the Toi Mai website and through established networks.

The consultation identified there was still a need for a Level 4 qualification, however given the an overlap of content across the two qualifications, declining numbers, and the credit allocations for each qualification not accurately reflecting the time required to complete, it was decided to expire the two qualifications and develop a new qualification with elective strands - New Zealand Certificate in Active Recreation (Level 4) with strands in Facility Operations and Programme Delivery (60 credits).

Responsibility for these qualifications was transferred from Toi Mai to the Services Industry Skills Board to reflect the VET reforms.

Main changes resulting from the development/review process

The New Zealand Certificate in Facility Operations (Level 4) [Ref: 3647] and New Zealand Certificate in Sport and Recreation (Programme Delivery) (Level 4) [Ref 3573] have been expired.

A new qualification, the New Zealand Certificate in Active Recreation (Level 4) with strands in Facility Operations and Programme Delivery was developed and includes:

- A core graduate profile outcome and elective strands in Facility Operations and Programme Delivery.
- Graduate outcome statements aligned with recently developed skill standards.
- Skill standards set in as conditions for graduate profile outcomes.

Development/Review outcome

Ref:	Version	Qualification Title	Outcome category	New qualification ID/version (as applicable)
3573	1	New Zealand Certificate in Sport and Recreation (Programme Delivery) (Level 4)	D-Qualification will expire with no replacement	3573-2 To expire
3647	1	New Zealand Certificate in Facility Operations (Level 4)	D-Qualification will expire with no replacement	3647-2 To expire
5654	1	New Zealand Certificate in Active Recreation (Level 4) with strands in Facility Operations and Programme Delivery	New	5654-1

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
3573	2	New Zealand Certificate in Sport and Recreation (Programme Delivery) (Level 4)	31 December 2027	31 December 2028
3647	2	New Zealand Certificate in Facility Operations (Level 4)	31 December 2027	31 December 2028

**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 Services Industry Skills Board at the address below. Appeals will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

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