

Field Society and Culture

Review of Child Protection New Zealand Qualification

Reviewed qualification

Ref	Version	Qualification Title	Credits
3518	2	New Zealand Diploma in Child Protection (Level 5)	120

Development/Review information

Qualification Developer	Education, Health, and Community Industry Skills Board
Reason for the review	Scheduled review
Review date	June 2026
Outcome date	August 2026
Next review date	August 2031

Summary of review and consultation process

The Education, Health, and Community Industry Skills Board (EHC ISB) initiated a scheduled review of the New Zealand Diploma in Child Protection (Level 5) in June 2026. The EHC ISB published communications about the scheduled review asking for expressions of interests through our website and Ed Insider in June 2026. This allowed an opportunity for interested parties to feedback on the review.

There is one provider delivering this qualification. Consultation was undertaken to understand current delivery and any implications of the current qualification. National consultation informed the final outcome of this review, that it remained fit for purpose with only minor changes being made to the content of the qualification.

Responsibility for this qualification was transferred from Toitū te Waiora Workforce Development Council to the Education, Health, and Community Industry Skills Board to reflect the VET reforms.

Main changes resulting from the review process

Changes to the qualification include:

- The **Education Pathway** was updated to include a broader scope in further learning for social work and teaching qualifications.
- Removed reference to mandatory safety checking legislation from **Employment, Cultural, Community Pathway**. The statement was removed as it relates to employer legislative obligations for safety checking rather than a requirement of the qualification. Although the legislation remains relevant to employment in child-related services, compliance is managed by employers and is not a condition for awarding or completing the qualification.
- Award statement updated.

- Evidence requirements for assuring consistency removed, as no longer required.

Review outcome

Ref:	Version	Qualification Title	Outcome category	New qualification ID/version (as applicable)
3518	2	New Zealand Diploma in Child Protection (Level 5)	B-New version of qualification	3518-3

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
3518	2	New Zealand Diploma in Child Protection (Level 5)	N/A	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 this review. However, anyone who feels that they have been disadvantaged may appeal to the Education, Health, and Community Industry Skills Board at the address below. Appeals will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

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