

Field Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

Registration of *Aquaculture* skill standard

Food and Fibre Industry Skills Board has registered a new skill standard in the *Aquaculture* Domain.

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December 2030

Summary

As part of the seafood review process, it was brought up that there was a gap around biosecurity, this was considered more of an issue for the Aquaculture industry. Initially biosecurity planning at Level 5 was considered, however, consultation undertaken between Muka Tangata and Aquaculture NZ who in turn consulted with their affiliates, confirmed that the real need was in the operational space, resulting in the development of the skill standard at Level 3. This round of consultation took place during November of 2024.

The responsibility for this application has been transferred from Muka Tangata Workforce Development Council to the Food and Fibre Industry Skills Board to reflect the VET reforms.

Main changes

Skill standard 41135 was registered.

Detailed list of standards – classification, title, level, and credits

Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries > Seafood > Aquaculture

ID	Title	Level	Credit	Review Category
41135	Identify, prevent, and respond to biosecurity threats in an aquaculture operation	3	10	New