

Field Engineering and Technology

Review of *Passive Fire Protection* Qualifications

Reviewed qualifications

Ref	Version	Qualification Title	Credits
4110	1	New Zealand Certificate in Passive Fire Protection Installation (Level 3)	75
2581	2	New Zealand Certificate in Passive Fire Protection Systems (Level 4) with strands in Routine Compliance Inspections, and Construction Monitoring	130 - 135

Review information

Qualification Developer	Manufacturing and Engineering Industry Skills Board
Reason for the review	Scheduled 5 yearly review
Review date	December 2025
Outcome date	January 2026
Next review date	December 2030

Summary of review and consultation process

Hanga-Aro-Rau Manufacturing, Engineering and Logistics Workforce Development Council undertook a review of the passive fire protection qualifications to determine whether the qualifications remain fit for purpose. The scheduled review of the New Zealand Certificate in Passive Fire Protection Systems (Level 4) with strands in Routine Compliance Inspections, and Construction Monitoring [Ref: 2581] was brought forward by one year to align with the scheduled review of the New Zealand Certificate in Passive Fire Protection Installation (Level 3) [Ref: 4110].

Regular online meetings were held from March to November 2025 with representatives from the Fire Protection Association New Zealand (FPANZ), employers and training providers.

Industry stakeholders identified a need for more advanced training in passive fire protection installation. This resulted in the development of a new elective strand in Advanced Installation for the New Zealand Certificate in Passive Fire Protection Systems (Level 4) with strands in Routine Compliance Inspections, and Construction Monitoring [Ref: 2581].

All changes outlined below were made in close consultation with stakeholders.

Main changes resulting from the review process

General changes across the qualifications

- Education pathway, qualification specifications, general conditions and transition information were updated where required.
- Strategic purpose statements were updated.

New Zealand Certificate in Passive Fire Protection Installation (Level 3) [Ref: 4110]

- Graduate Profile Outcome (GPO) 3 was expanded to include teamwork and contributing to a

safe, sustainable and productive site environment. Industry stakeholder feedback identified these transferable skills were required in addition to technical passive fire protection skills and knowledge. The GPO credit value was increased from 5 to 15 credits.

- GPO 2 credit value was decreased from 20 to 10 credits in response to feedback from industry stakeholders that the compliance monitoring material previously covered in this GPO is more appropriate to Level 4.

New Zealand Certificate in Passive Fire Protection Systems (Level 4) with strands in Routine Compliance Inspections, and Construction Monitoring [Ref: 2581]

- A new elective strand in Advanced Installation was developed to meet an identified gap in training for complex passive fire protection installation.
- GPO 4 was expanded in response to industry stakeholder feedback that more emphasis on communication and interpersonal skills was required. To reflect this change, the GPO credit value was increased from 5 to 15 credits.
- Overall qualification credit value was increased from 130 - 135 to 140 - 145 credits to reflect the changes above.

Review outcome

Ref:	Version	Qualification Title	Outcome category	New qualification ID/version (as applicable)
4110	1	New Zealand Certificate in Passive Fire Protection Installation (Level 3)	B-New version of qualification	4110-2
2581	2	New Zealand Certificate in Passive Fire Protection Systems (Level 4) with strands in Routine Compliance Inspections, and Construction Monitoring New Zealand Certificate in Passive Fire Protection Systems (Level 4) with strands in Routine Compliance Inspections, Construction Monitoring, and Advanced Installation	B-New version of qualification	2581-3

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
4110	1	New Zealand Certificate in Passive Fire Protection Installation (Level 3)	N/A	31 December 2027
2581	2	New Zealand Certificate in Passive Fire Protection Systems (Level 4) with strands in Routine Compliance Inspections, and Construction Monitoring	N/A	31 December 2027

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

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