

Field Engineering and Technology

Review of *Locksmithing* New Zealand qualification

Reviewed qualification

Ref	Version	Qualification Title	Credits
2718	2	New Zealand Certificate in Locksmithing (Trade) (Level 4)	210

Review information

Qualification Developer	Manufacturing and Engineering Industry Skills Board
Reason for the review	Scheduled 5 year review
Review date	May 2026
Outcome date	June 2026
Next review date	June 2031

Summary of review and consultation process

Hanga-Aro-Rau Manufacturing, Engineering and Logistics Workforce Development Council undertook a combined review of the locksmithing qualification and associated unit standards. This review was continued by the Manufacturing and Engineering Industry Skills Board in 2026 after the disestablishment of the Workforce Development Councils.

Online meetings were held in July 2025 with representatives from the New Zealand branch of the Master Locksmiths Association of Australasia, training providers and employers to determine if the current qualification was fit for purpose. A final review of the qualification took place in April 2026 after associated skill standard development and unit standard reviews were completed. Feedback from industry stakeholders determined that the qualification is still relevant to industry training needs however some adjustments were made to reflect current industry training requirements including changes to Graduate Profile Outcome (GPO) wording and credit values.

Main changes resulting from the review process

- Education pathway, employment pathway, award, specifications were updated.
- Evidence requirements for assuring consistency were removed.
- Four mandatory skill standards were set into the Conditions relating to the graduate profile.
- GPO 3 and 4 wording was amended for clarity.
- GPO 2 and 7 were simplified into one GPO (2) with a total of 35 credits. This consolidates communication and customer service skills alongside key specification.
- GPO 3 credit value was decreased from 85 to 75 in response to industry feedback. Stakeholders requested a clearer focus on locksmithing-specific skills and knowledge in the GPO, and a smaller credit weighting was found to be sufficient.
- GPO 5 credit value was increased from 25 to 35 credits to accommodate increased credit values of associated automotive locking unit/skill standards.
- Transition dates for superseded version 2 aligned with superseded version 1.

Review outcome

Ref:	Version	Qualification Title	Outcome category	New qualification ID/version (as applicable)
2718	2	New Zealand Certificate in Locksmithing (Trade) (Level 4)	B-New version of qualification	2718 - 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
2718	2	New Zealand Certificate in Locksmithing (Trade) (Level 4)	N/A	31/12/2029

**only required for outcome category C or D*

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