

## Field Service Sector

### Review of Industrial Rope Access New Zealand qualifications

#### Reviewed qualifications

Ref	Version	Qualification Title	Credits
2358	2	New Zealand Certificate in Industrial Rope Access (Level 3)	60
2359	2	New Zealand Certificate in Industrial Rope Access (Level 4)	75
2360	2	New Zealand Certificate in Industrial Rope Access (Level 5)	55

#### Review information

Qualification Developer	Construction and Specialist Trades Industry Skills Board
Reason for the review	Scheduled 5-year review
Review date	November 2025
Outcome date	March 2026
Next review date	N/A

#### Summary of review and consultation process

Between May 2025 to November 2025, the three New Zealand Industrial Rope Access qualifications were reviewed.

A Technical Advisory Group (TAG) comprising industrial rope industry representatives, Scaffolding, Access and Rigging New Zealand Association (SARNZ), and key education providers guided the review. Broader industry consultation also considered the qualifications and an alternative micro-credential model.

Both the TAG and industry agreed the current qualifications are not fit for purpose. Their duration, skill coverage, and the requirement to place learners into a work context with a certificate of competency, are key barriers and are significantly limiting qualification uptake.

Internationally, entry-level training follows a short-course model with verified competency. Alternative credential approaches are being developed. To support alternate credential approaches and in the interim, eight new skill standards were created.

Responsibility for these qualifications was transferred to the Construction and Specialist Trades Industry Skills Board.

#### Main changes resulting from the review process

The following qualifications will expire, with no replacement:

- New Zealand Certificate in Industrial Rope Access (Level 3) [Ref: 2358]
- New Zealand Certificate in Industrial Rope Access (Level 4) [Ref: 2359]
- New Zealand Certificate in Industrial Rope Access (Level 5) [Ref: 2360]

## Review outcome

Ref:	Version	Qualification Title	Outcome category	New qualification ID/version (as applicable)
2358	2	New Zealand Certificate in Industrial Rope Access (Level 3)	D-Qualification will expire with no replacement	2358-3 To expire
2359	2	New Zealand Certificate in Industrial Rope Access (Level 4)	D-Qualification will expire with no replacement	2359-3 To expire
2360	2	New Zealand Certificate in Industrial Rope Access (Level 5)	D-Qualification will expire with no replacement	2360-3 To expire

## 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
2358	2	New Zealand Certificate in Industrial Rope Access (Level 3)	31 December 2026	31 December 2027
2359	2	New Zealand Certificate in Industrial Rope Access (Level 4)	31 December 2026	31 December 2027
2360	2	New Zealand Certificate in Industrial Rope Access (Level 5)	31 December 2026	31 December 2027

*\*only required for outcome category C or D*

## Any additional information, including Qualification Developer contact details

It is the intention that no existing trainee should be disadvantaged by these transition arrangements. However, anyone who feels that they have been disadvantaged may appeal to the address below. Appeals will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

For further information contact the qualification developer:

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