

Field Architecture and Building

Review of Plumbing, Gasfitting and Drainlaying New Zealand qualifications

Reviewed qualifications

Ref	Version	Qualification Title	Credits
3838	1	New Zealand Certificate in Plumbing (Level 5)	105
3839	1	New Zealand Certificate in Drainlaying (Level 5)	70
3840	1	New Zealand Certificate in Gasfitting (Level 5)	95

Development/Review information

Qualification Developer	Construction and Specialist Trades Industry Skills Board
Reason for the review	Scheduled review
Review date	December 2025
Outcome date	March 2026
Next review date	December 2030

Summary of development/review and consultation process

Waihanga Ara Rau completed a technical review during 2025 to ensure that the qualifications align with current conventions for the content of qualification information. The qualification documents were also updated to ensure that they reflect current legislative and regulatory references.

The PGD Strategic Reference Group and Technical Reference Group indicated that the qualifications' purpose and graduate outcomes were fit-for-purpose. Attestations were received from members to support the outcome of the review.

Responsibility for these qualifications was transferred from to the Construction and Specialist Trades ISB to reflect VET reforms.

Main changes resulting from the development/review process

- Education pathway, Qualification Award, Evidence requirements for assuring consistency, Other requirements for the qualification, and Transition Information sections in the qualification documents have been updated to provide current and clear information.
- Evidence requirements for consistency were removed as no longer required.
- Review dates were updated to the 31 December 2030.
- Standard Setting Body details were updated.

Review outcome

Ref:	Version	Qualification Title	Outcome category	New qualification ID/version (as applicable)
3838	1	New Zealand Certificate in Plumbing (Level 5)	B-New version of qualification	3838-2
3839	1	New Zealand Certificate in Drainlaying (Level 5)	B-New version of qualification	3839-2
3840	1	New Zealand Certificate in Gasfitting (Level 5)	B-New version of qualification	3840-2

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
3838	1	New Zealand Certificate in Plumbing (Level 5)	N/A	31/12/2027
3839	1	New Zealand Certificate in Drainlaying (Level 5)	N/A	31/12/2027
3840	1	New Zealand Certificate in Gasfitting (Level 5)	N/A	31/12/2027

**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. Any person who considers they have been disadvantaged should contact the qualification developer:

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