

There are substantial differences between the new and the two replaced qualifications.

Changes include:

- standards 5627-5629, 6436, 6452, 6454, 6467, 6470, 6472, 6475, 6476, 6478, 6479, 8559, 17327, 19675, 20479 and 20483 are not included in this qualification, but candidates credited with these standards may use them to count towards satisfying the credit requirement of the Elective section
- standards 20480 and 20481 are included in the Compulsory section of this qualification
- standards 6400-6402 are included in the Elective section of this qualification
- standards 16703 and 20484 are included in the Driller strand of this qualification
- standard 20485 is included in the Tracker strand of this qualification
- standard 20482 is included in the Site Supervisor strand of this qualification.

Transition

This qualification replaced the National Certificate in Civil Construction Works (Horizontal Directional Drilling) with strands in Driller, and Tracker [Ref: 1081] and the National Certificate in Civil Construction Works (Horizontal Directional Drilling Site Controller) [Ref: 1082]

People currently working towards either of the replaced qualifications may complete the requirements for that qualification or transfer their results to this qualification. Candidates intending to complete either of the replaced qualifications must gain credit for expiring standard 6454 by 31 December 2010. Candidates intending to complete the National Certificate in Civil Construction Works (Horizontal Directional Drilling Site Controller) [Ref: 1082] must also gain credit for expiring standard 8559 by 31 December 2010.

The last date for assessments to take place for the remaining standards in the replaced qualifications is 31 December 2011.

As barriers to completion may be present in a replaced qualification, and because the replacement qualification is designed to consider recent, and possible future, industry requirements and trends, individuals currently enrolled in a replaced qualification should check the degree to which the standards they have achieved satisfy the requirements of the replacement qualification, and consider transferring to it.

People who hold a current T driver licence endorsement are exempt from the requirement for the standard specified below. They are required to pay the credit fee associated with the standard and must apply for the exemption through InfraTrain New Zealand who will process the applications in accordance with the following table and forward the results and fees to NZQA for processing. The exemption must be applied for on the application form in the Appendix.

Current driver licence endorsement	Exemption
T (tracks)	16703

It is the intention of InfraTrain New Zealand that these transition arrangements are fair, and do not disadvantage any existing candidate. Anyone who thinks that they have been disadvantaged by the transition process should, in the first instance, contact InfraTrain New Zealand at the address below.

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Key to Qualification Review Categories

Category A The qualification is published as a new version with the same NQF ID	Changes are made to SSB name, contact details or purpose statement
	No change is made to title, rules or components of the qualification
	No transition arrangements are required
Category B The qualification is published as a new version with the same NQF ID	Changes are made to title, rules or components
	The new version of the qualification recognises a similar skill set to that recognised by the previous version
	The SSB is confident that people awarded the new or previous version are comparable in terms of competence
	Transition arrangements are required if candidates must gain additional/different credits for the new version
Category C A new (replacement) qualification is published with new NQF ID	Significant changes are made to the qualification in terms of components, structure, type or level
	The SSB views people with the replacement qualification as being significantly different in terms of competence from those with the replaced qualification
	Transition arrangements are required
	Transition may be limited to phase-out dates
Category D Qualification will expire. There is no replacement qualification	Qualification is no longer required by industry
	The qualification is designated as expiring and a last date for meeting the qualification requirements is set