

National Certificate in Tourism (Introductory Skills) [Ref: 0875]

The new unit standards (24724 - 24733) are now on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF).

Now that the new unit standards are on the NQF the unit standards being replaced show as 'expiring'. If you need a copy of a unit standard that is no longer on the NQF please remember you can always contact ATTTO for a copy. For further information about 'expiring' and 'expired' unit standards see the article titled 'Expiring and Expired Unit Standards' in this newsletter.

What does this mean for you?

Even though unit standards (9717, 9719, 18231, 18233, 18234, 18236) will show on the NQF as 'expiring' you can still use them until December 2010 and it is recommended you continue using these until the new qualification is registered.

The National Certificate in Tourism (Introductory Skills) has been submitted to NZQA for initial evaluation (the first stage of the quality assurance cycle).

The two travel level 3 unit standards that form part of the elective (18211 Demonstrate knowledge of Australia as a tourist destination (and) 3727 Demonstrate knowledge of Pacific Island countries as tourist destinations) are currently completing the final stage of the quality assurance cycle with NZQA. They are both level 3 and worth 8 credits.

Schools who deliver the National Certificate over two years will need to deliver the current National Certificate in Tourism and Travel (Introductory Skills) (Level 2) version 2 [Ref: 0875] next year. Those schools who do not deliver the National Certificate could in fact deliver new unit standards next year, however this would be dependent on resources and assessments being available. **It is recommended you keep delivering the unit standards in version 2 of the qualification in 2009. Please note for unit standard 18237 this will be version 1.**

The year 2010 will see a new qualification, unit standards, resources and assessments. We will continue to keep you updated on the qualification progress.