

Tourism (Core Skills) and Travel (Level 3)

There seems to be some confusion whereby people think Core Skills (version 4) cannot be combined with Travel Level 3 (version 7).

It is important to understand the following:

- The National Certificate in Tourism (Core Skills) (Level 3) [Ref: 0876] version 3 will expire 31 December 2009, which means from 2010 version 4 will apply.
- The National Certificate in Travel (Level 3) [Ref: 0112] version 7 will expire 31 December 2011, which means from 2012 the replacement qualification, the National Certificate in Travel (Level 3) with strands in Retail Travel, and Wholesale Travel [Ref: 1481] version 1 will apply. The replacement qualification is of course available as soon as it is registered, so it could be delivered from 2010.
- The National Certificate in Tourism (Core Skills) (Level 3) [Ref: 0876] version 4 can be delivered in conjunction with the National Certificate in Travel (Level 3) [Ref: 0112] version 7.
- The National Certificate in Travel (Level 3) [Ref: 0112] version 7 has the National Certificate in Tourism and Travel (Core Skills) (Level 3) [Ref: 0876] as a prerequisite. When you read through version 7 of the Travel Level 3 qualification it refers to the old Core Skills qualification title of 'Tourism and Travel', however it does not matter which version of Core Skills is completed as long as it is completed. It is the qualification reference number [Ref: 0876] that applies, not the qualification title or version number.
- The Core Skills prerequisite has been removed from the National Certificate in Travel (Level 3) with strands in Retail Travel, and Wholesale Travel [Ref: 1481]. Anyone delivering this replacement qualification does not have to deliver Core Skills, however industry have indicated they feel it is a very good qualification for those in pre-employment training to complete.