

QUALIFICATION DETAILS

Qualification Title		New Zealand Diploma in Embalming (Level 5)	
Version	1	Qualification type	Diploma
Level	5	Credits	120
NZSCED		110399	
Strategic purpose statement		<p>The purpose of this qualification is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to maintain professional standards for the funeral services sector by identifying those individuals who have attained sufficient knowledge, practical skills and attitudes to carry out the process of embalming a dead human body • to provide competent embalmers to enable the public to have access to professional and safe embalming services through funeral homes or specialist embalming services • to provide for those individuals who are employed in the embalming sector of the funeral services industry, a credential that will support their employment opportunities • to provide professional, competent embalmers who are able to exercise responsibility under broad guidance. 	
Outcome Statement	Graduate profile	<p>Graduates of this qualification will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • conduct themselves in a professional manner applying the code of conduct to embalming services (10 credits) • apply appropriate communication skills when working with bereaved families and whanau (10 credits) • communicate with colleagues throughout the process of embalming (10 credits) • integrate knowledge of anatomy and physiology, knowledge of the impact of micro-organisms on the process, chemistry knowledge, and where required, specialized embalming skills for occasions such as those where trauma and disease has impacted the body, respecting the history and philosophies of the embalming process (20 credits) • operate and maintain a mortuary, incorporating principles of efficient mortuary layout (10 credits) • embalm a dead human body, applying legal and ethical responsibilities (40 credits) • present a dead human body for viewing (10 credits) • work safely, managing the health and safety of themselves, others and the environment (10 credits). 	
	Education pathway	<p>This qualification is a standalone qualification and is the only qualification industry supports for people working in the embalming sector. However, it is recommended that candidates hold NCEA Level 2 or the equivalent knowledge and skills prior to enrolling in a programme for this qualification. Candidates wishing to provide independent embalming services could complete a New Zealand Diploma in Business.</p>	
	Employment pathway	<p>People entering this qualification will already be employed in the embalming sector. This qualification will confirm capability and enable people to manage the embalming role in a funeral home or in some cases provide</p>	

	specialist embalming services with additional skills in business management.
Qualification Developer	Funeral Service Training Trust of New Zealand

Qualification Specification

Qualification award	<p>This qualification will be awarded by the organisation with whom the trainees are enrolled.</p> <p>The formal document certifying the award of this qualification bears the FSTT and NZQF logos, the name and logo of the Tertiary Education Organisation offering the programme of training leading to award of the qualification, the full qualification title and NZQA reference number, and the date of award of the qualification.</p>
Review period	March 2018
Arrangements for managing consistency	<p>To ensure that candidates meet a consistent standard nationally, FSTT will work with programme developers to match programme outcomes to qualification outcomes prior to delivery of a programme being undertaken.</p> <p>To ensure that candidates who achieve the qualification can provide a professional and safe service to the public an end-point assessment will be required which provides a general measure of the candidate having met the overall graduate outcomes. The end-point assessment will be comprised of an integrated assessment, made up of both theory and practical observation requirements, that focus on key graduate outcomes to ensure candidates awarded the qualification can meet the performance required by industry to be a competent Embalmer. The end-point assessment will be managed and assessed by the accredited provider.</p> <p>The application of the consistency requirements will be monitored by a panel made up of a qualification developer representative, an industry representative and an ITP representative. The panel will have in place agreed rules of operation and will maintain records of meetings, discussions and decisions. A summary report will be provided to each programme developer subsequent to the meeting outlining any findings and recommendations.</p>
Credit transfer and recognition of prior learning arrangements	RPL and credit transfer will be consistent with the policies of the approved programme developer. Any candidate for this qualification who seeks RPL for the entire qualification will be required to provide a summary of their experience in the industry and complete the end-point assessment to prove current competency.
Minimum standard of achievement and standards for grade endorsements (where applicable)	Achieved
Prerequisites to meet regulatory body or legislative requirements (where applicable)	N/A

Other conditions for qualification	Generally all evidence presented will have been gained within the last five years, although evidence of significance beyond that timeframe may also be considered valuable.
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Conditions relating to specific outcomes

Qualification Outcomes (including indicative credit values for each outcome)	Conditions	Mandatory or Optional
Conduct themselves in a professional manner applying the code of conduct to embalming services (10 credits)		
Apply appropriate communication skills when working with bereaved families and whanau (10 credits)		
Communicate with colleagues throughout the process of embalming (10 credits)		
Integrate knowledge of anatomy and physiology, knowledge of the impact of micro-organisms on the process, chemistry knowledge, and where required, specialized embalming skills for occasions such as those where trauma and disease has impacted the body, respecting the history and philosophies of the embalming process (20 credits)	<p>Recommended unit standards:</p> <p>8349 <i>Demonstrate knowledge of the history and philosophy of embalming and its legal and ethical responsibilities</i></p> <p>8353 <i>Apply knowledge of anatomy and physiology to embalming</i></p> <p>8354 <i>Apply knowledge of micro-organisms to the embalming process</i></p> <p>8355 <i>Apply knowledge of chemistry to the embalming process</i></p> <p>8356 <i>Demonstrate knowledge of the effect of trauma and disease on the body and the implications for embalming</i></p> <p>8359 <i>Restore a dead human body with complications</i></p>	Optional
Operate and maintain a mortuary, incorporating principles of efficient mortuary layout (10 credits)	<p>Recommended unit standards:</p> <p>8350 <i>Demonstrate knowledge of mortuary design</i></p> <p>8352 <i>Operate and maintain a mortuary</i></p>	Optional
Embalm a dead human body, applying legal and ethical responsibilities (40 credits)	<p>Recommended unit standards:</p> <p>8357 <i>Embalm a dead human body</i></p>	Optional

	8358 <i>Apply specialist embalming skills</i>	
Present a dead human body for viewing (10 credits)	Recommended unit standards: 8360 <i>Present the dead human body</i> 8348 <i>Prepare caskets for viewing or burial or cremation</i>	Optional
Work safely, managing the health and safety of themselves, others and the environment (10 credits)	Recommended unit standard: 8351 <i>Apply health and safety practices to working in a mortuary</i>	Optional

Transition information

Replacement information	This qualification replaced the National Diploma in Embalming [Ref: 1329] [Ref: 1329].
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The last date for entry into the National Diploma in Embalming is 31 December 2013. The last date for award of the National Diploma in Embalming is 31 December 2014. It is recommended that candidates currently enrolled in the National Diploma in Embalming who will be unable to complete the qualification by the 31 December 2014 transfer to the New Zealand Diploma in Embalming (Level 5).