

**Qualification Title:** New Zealand Certificate in Snowmaking (Level 3)

**Qualification number:** 3495

**Date of review:** 24 September 2020

This report refers to graduates awarded this qualification from: 01 January 2017 – 31 December 2019.

**Final decision on consistency of the qualification:** National consistency is confirmed

#### Threshold:

The threshold to determine sufficiency with the graduate profile was determined as evidence that graduates will:

- have the knowledge and skills to work as entry level snowmakers who maintain and operate snowmaking equipment, to meet production and quality requirements under the supervision of a shift leader or supervisor at a snowsport area;
- apply safe work procedures and practices while operating in a variety of weather and snowsport area condition.

#### Education Organisations with sufficient evidence

The following education organisations have been found to have sufficient evidence.

MOE Number	Education Organisation	Final rating
8129	Skills Active Aotearoa Ltd	Sufficient

#### Introduction

Holders of this Level 3, 40-credit qualification will be able to work as snowmakers within New Zealand snowsport areas under supervision and at an entry level.

Graduates may also pathway to the New Zealand Certificate in Snowgrooming (Level 4) [Ref: 3494].

One education organisation had a total of 27 graduates. This programme is offered in collaboration with a single ski field and undertaken by employees of this organisation.

#### Evidence

The education organisation provided a range of evidence to demonstrate that graduates met the graduate profile outcomes.

The criteria used to judge the evaluation question were:

- The nature, quality and integrity of the evidence presented by the education organisation
- How well the organisation has analysed, interpreted and validated the evidence, and used the understanding gained to achieve actual or improved consistency
- The extent to which the education organisation can reasonably justify and validate claims and statements relating to the consistency of graduate outcomes, including in relation to other providers of programmes leading to the qualification.

## **Final Consistency Review Report**

The education organisation included evidence of programme alignment and robustness, destination data and graduate and employer feedback.

### **How well does the self-assessment and supporting evidence provided by the education organisation demonstrate that its graduates match the graduate outcomes at the appropriate threshold?**

Evidence provided related to the programme, destinations and feedback from employers and graduates.

The programme is applied in a workplace context and aligned to the qualification requirements and graduate profile outcomes. All assessments were pre and post-assessment moderated. Assessors and evidence verifiers are trained by the ITO to ensure appropriate judgement is being used.

Although the programme has had graduates since 2017, graduate surveys only took place mid-2020. This may have impacted the limited response rate. Destination data was also yielded limited responses.

The single employer of learners and graduates completed a survey providing qualitative comments based on the GPOs.

Overall, the self-assessment and supporting evidence supplied demonstrates that graduates meet the graduate outcomes at the determined threshold.

### **Special Focus**

None

### **Examples of good practice**

The programme was developed in collaboration with a ski field which is the sole employer of learners, and the main initial employer of graduates. This ensures that the programme is highly practical, applied and meets the needs of the employer.

### **Issues and concerns**

Graduate feedback and destination data need to be collected annually and not just in response to consistency review requirements. This data should inform programmes and lead to continuous improvement.

### **Recommendations to Qualification Developer**

None