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Announcement: New Real Estate Qualification Approval By NZQA

The Skills Organisation (Skills), together with the Real Estate Authority (REA) and the Real Estate Institute of New Zealand (REINZ), announce the approval of the New Zealand Certificates in Real Estate Level 5 and Level 6. The introduction of these new qualifications is a significant milestone for the real estate industry as we transition to a robust, fit for purpose and efficient qualification suite to support and strengthen the high standards of conduct and professionalism across the real estate industry.

This approval follows the review of the current Branch Manager and Agent qualifications, consulting with the Real Estate industry to ensure that the real estate qualifications suite meets the emergent needs of the industry. The review took several months, and the consultation closed in late Feb 2021 with overall positive feedback from the wide-ranging sector. NZQA approved the qualifications in late April 2021.

Training providers are currently collaborating with industry stakeholders to produce new training programmes that meet the Real Estate industry's high educational standards and expectations. We are working towards these programmes being available for enrolment in early 2022. In the meantime, Skills Organisation, Open Polytechnic, REA, and REINZ are here to support learners through their education journey and make the transition as smooth as possible.

“This is a great opportunity to review qualifications to make sure they’re current,” says Skills Consulting Group chief executive Garry Fissenden. “In this fast-moving industry, it’s important to equip Real Estate people with the tools they need to stay ahead of the game.”

To help answer any immediate questions, we have provided an overview of the qualification framework, a table explaining any qualification pre-requisites, frequently asked questions, an organisational contact list, next steps and notes.

Key Point:

If you are studying, keep doing what you are doing, and make completion of your qualification a priority.