

## National Diploma in Embalming

**Level** 5

**Credits** 175

### Purpose

This qualification is for candidates who work in the embalming sector of the funeral industry.

This qualification includes skills and knowledge related to applying knowledge of the philosophy of embalming to embalming practice; designing and setting up a mortuary; applying health and safety practices to working in a mortuary; applying knowledge of the sciences to embalming; embalming and restoring a dead human body; preparing a funeral casket and presenting a dead human body; computing skills, and responsible driving.

### Replacement Information

This qualification replaced the National Certificate in Embalming [Ref: 0289], and the National Diploma in Funeral Services [Ref: 0459].

### Special Notes

It is recommended that candidates hold a current first aid certificate or unit standard 6402, *Provide resuscitation level 2*.

Accredited organisations offering the National Diploma in Embalming [Ref: 1329] must ensure that they incorporate a practical examination, conducted by national examiners approved by Funeral Services Training Trust of New Zealand, into their assessment schedule for the following unit standards: 8353, 8354, 8355, 8356, 8357, 8358, 8359, 8360. Further details regarding the practical examination can be found in the moderation section of AMAP 0221.

### Credit Range

Level 2 credits	12
Level 3 credits	6
Level 4 credits	61
Level 5 credits	96
Total	175

## Requirements for Award of Qualification

### Award of NQF Qualifications

Credit gained for a standard may be used only once to meet the requirements of this qualification.

Unit standards and achievement standards that are equivalent in outcome are mutually exclusive for the purpose of award. The table of mutually exclusive standards is provided in section 7 of the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) Rules and Procedures publications available at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/acrp/index.html>.

Reviewed standards that continue to recognise the same overall outcome are registered as new versions and retain their identification number (ID). Any version of a standard with the same ID may be used to meet qualification requirements that list the ID and/or that specify the past or current classification of the standard.

### Summary of Requirements

- Compulsory standards

### Detailed Requirements

#### Compulsory

The following standards are required

Computing and Information Technology > Computing > Generic Computing

ID	Title	Level	Credit
2780	Demonstrate and apply knowledge of a personal computer system	2	9

Service Sector > Driving > Core Driving Knowledge and Skills

ID	Title	Level	Credit
3465	Describe driving hazards and risk reduction strategies and responses to driving hazards	2	3

Service Sector > Funeral Services > Embalming

ID	Title	Level	Credit
8349	Demonstrate knowledge of the history and philosophy of embalming and its legal and ethical responsibilities	4	10
8350	Design a mortuary	4	8
8351	Apply health and safety practices to working in a mortuary	4	5
8352	Operate and maintain a mortuary	4	6
8353	Apply knowledge of anatomy and physiology to embalming	5	15
8354	Apply knowledge of micro-organisms to the embalming process	4	6

ID	Title	Level	Credit
8355	Apply knowledge of chemistry to the embalming process	4	6
8356	Identify the effect of trauma and disease on the body and the implications for embalming	5	7
8357	Embalm a dead human body	5	30
8358	Apply specialist embalming skills	5	24
8359	Restore a dead human body with complications	5	20
8360	Present the dead human body	4	20

Service Sector > Funeral Services > Funeral Directing

ID	Title	Level	Credit
8348	Prepare caskets for viewing or burial or cremation	3	6

## Transition Arrangements

### Version 2

Version 2 was issued following a revision.

Changes to structure and content

- Special notes have been amended to include a reference to the national embalming examination.

For detailed information see [Review Summaries](#) on the NZQA website.

This qualification contains a standard that replaced earlier standards. For the purposes of this qualification, people who have gained credit for the expiring standards are exempt from the requirement to gain credit for the replacement standard – see table below.

Credit for	Exempt from
201, 202	2780

### Previous version of the qualification

Version 1 replaced the National Certificate in Embalming [Ref: 0289] and the National Diploma in Funeral Services [Ref: 0459].

There were substantial differences between the National Certificate in Embalming [Ref: 0289] and the replacement qualification. Changes included the credit total increasing from 169 to 175; removal of generic standards 101, 111, 1297, 1583, 6402, 9694, 9706 and 11097 from the compulsory section; and adding first aid requirements to the special notes.

People working towards the replaced qualifications could either complete the requirements for those qualifications by 31 December 2010 or transfer their results to this one. The last date for entry into training programmes or courses for the replaced qualifications was December 2007.

## NQF Registration Information

Process	Version	Date	Last Date for Assessment
Registration	1	October 2007	December 2012
Revision	2	April 2008	N/A

## Standard Setting Body

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## Planned Review

Any person or organisation may contribute to the review of this qualification by sending feedback to the standard setting body at the above address.

Next Review	2012
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## Other standard setting bodies whose standards are included in the qualification

NZQA  
 Tranzqual ITO

## Certification

The certificate will display the logos of NZQA, the provider and the Funeral Service Training Trust of New Zealand.

## Classification

This qualification is classified according to the NQF classification system and the New Zealand Standard Classification of Education (NZSCED) system as specified below.

NQF Classification		NZSCED	
Code	Description	Code	Description
1246	Service Sector > Funeral Services > Embalming	110399	Food, Hospitality and Personal Services > Personal Services > Personal Services not elsewhere classified

### Quality Management Systems

Providers and Industry Training Organisations must be accredited by a recognised Quality Assurance Body before they can register credits from assessment against standards. Accredited providers and Industry Training Organisations assessing against standards must engage with the moderation system that applies to those standards. Accreditation requirements and the moderation system are outlined in the associated Accreditation and Moderation Action Plan (AMAP) for each standard.