

# Review of Wool Handling and Wool Classing qualifications and standards

Muka Tangata has recently conducted a review of the NZ Certificate in Woolshed skills Level 3, NZ Certificate in Wool Technology and Classing Level 4, and one Level 4, four Level 3 and one Level 2 unit standards in Wool Handling.

In consultation with industry experts and education and training providers, the following decisions (in **bold**) were made:

## Wool Handling

### Qualification:

- NZ Certificate in Woolshed Skills Level 3 Ref: [\[4112\]](#)
  - **EXPIRE** No usage in last 5 years/superseded by new micro-credential (MC) [5067](#) in Wool Handling Fundamentals and MC [5065](#) in Wool Pressing.

### Unit standards:

- [31979](#) Assist with wool harvesting in the woolshed Level 2
  - **EXPIRE** No usage in last 5 years/covered in Skill Standard (SS) [40151](#)
- [20115](#) Prepare and grade the wool clip where the table is required Level 3
  - **EXPIRE** Very little usage in last 5 years/covered in SS 40151
- [20116](#) Prepare for and press wool Level 3
  - **EXPIRE** No usage in last 5 years/covered in SS [40152](#)
- [20117](#) Describe wool clip preparation and the sale of wool process Level 3
  - **EXPIRE** Very little usage in last 5 years/covered in SS 40151
- [20316](#) Handle, sort and prepare strong, fine and mid-micron wool clip in the wool harvesting industry
  - **EXPIRE** No usage in last 5 years/covered in SS 40151
- [31978](#) Grade wool clip in a wool harvesting operation Level 4
  - **REPLACED** by new SS Manage Wool Preparation in a Wool Harvesting Operation and MC Manage Wool Preparation in a Wool Harvesting Operation (Level 4)

The new SS and MC Manage Wool Preparation in a Wool Harvesting Operation address the current lack of an educational training pathway and recognition of the

growing industry need for wool handlers who have been or aspire to be appointed leading wool handlers. It will allow them to gain skills in managing the quality of team output in a wool harvesting operation and in grading wool. The SS and MC have been developed with an advisory group of wool industry stakeholders. The SS will be stipulated in the MC.

## Wool Classing

### Qualification:

- NZ Certificate in Wool Technology and Classing Level 4 Ref: [\[4113\]](#)
  - **REPLACED** by new Level 5 qualification.

The new Level 5 Wool Technology and Classing qualification better reflects the level and indicative knowledge required by wool classers in a wool operation and has been developed with an advisory group of wool industry stakeholders.

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