

# Consultation Summary Report: Snowmaking/Snowgrooming qualification suite



Consultation on the Snowsport Equipment suite of qualifications was held from 10 – 25 November 2015. The following is a summary of key themes raised through the consultation process, and actions made as a result.

Feedback was provided on:

L3	<b>NZ Certificate in Snowmaking</b> (40 credits)
L4	<b>NZ Certificate in Snowgrooming</b> (40 credits)

## NZ Certificate in Snowmaking (Level 3)

Theme	Feedback	Outcome/Response
Skills and knowledge gaps	– Could the qualification cover factors that result in equipment damage?	Considered part of programmes to meet GPO1.
	– Consider adding two-way radio communications, radio controlled and automatic guns, computer operating systems for automatic guns and pumping, height safety, and working around heavy machinery.	In order to be fully inclusive of all systems, GPO1 refers to 'a range' of snowmaking equipment. Specific applicable systems can be included within programmes.  Safety specifics considered part of programmes to meet GPO5, condition: <i>Using appropriate safety equipment, communications systems, personal protective equipment and safe behaviours for work practices.</i>

## NZ Certificate in Snowgrooming (Level 4)

Theme	Feedback	Outcome/Response
Skills and knowledge gaps	Could this qualification include safe transport of passengers on a snow groomer?	GPO2, condition amended to read: <i>Role modelling and use of appropriate personal safety equipment, safe behaviours and relevant workplace safety guidelines including transporting other staff</i>  A reference to the <i>NZ Guidelines for Transportation on Snow Groomers</i> has also been included within the qualification.
Education pathway	The grooming pathway is limited and not particularly suitable for most operators.	The pathway suggested is for snowgroomers who may wish to become departmental heads, or take on management roles within the Snowsport industry.