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CHANGES TO THE ESSENTIAL SKILLS IN DEMAND LISTS – 2019

We have completed our annual review of the Essential Skills in Demand (ESID) Lists. These lists include the Long Term Skill Shortage List (LTSSL), the Immediate Skill Shortage List (ISSL) (which will be replaced by the Regional Skill Shortage List (RSSL)), and the Construction and Infrastructure Shortage List (CISSL).

The amendments have been announced in the [News Centre](#) section of the INZ website, and full details can be found in [Amendment Circular 2019-03](#). The changes will take effect on 27 May 2019. Any applications lodged before the changes will be assessed based on the current rules.

Establishment of the Regional Skill Shortage List

The RSSL replaces the ISSL. It identifies occupations that have an immediate shortage of skilled workers in certain regions. The RSSL is split into 15 regions, expanding from the 6 used in the ISSL. The expansion of the regions from 6 to 15 better reflects the skill shortages that exist in the regions and signals to temporary migrants the opportunities in regional areas. These 15 regions will also be applied to the CISSL. The table below sets out the changes to the regions.

Comparison of regions in the skill shortage lists

6 region model (current)	15 region model (new)
Auckland/Upper North	Northland, Auckland
Canterbury/ Upper South Island	Canterbury, Nelson-Tasman, Marlborough, West Coast
Otago/Southland	Otago, Southland
Wellington	Wellington
Waikato/BOP	Bay of Plenty, Waikato, Gisborne
Central North Island	Taranaki, Whanganui-Manawatu, Hawkes Bay

Occupation changes

A table of changes to the ESID lists is set out in the attached document (*'Amendments to occupations on the skill shortage lists'*).

Amendments to occupations on the skill shortage lists

	Long Term Skill Shortage List	Regional Skill Shortage List (replaces the ISSL)	Construction and Infrastructure Skill Shortage List
Added	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registered Nurse (Aged Care) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early Childhood (Pre-primary School) Teacher Primary School Teacher Secondary School Teacher 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building Associate
Amended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction Project Manager Extend the listing from 'Construction Project Manager (Roothing and Infrastructure)' to include building and construction 'Construction Project Manager' 	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plumber (General) Extend shortage from Canterbury to all regions Stonemason Removed for Canterbury; retained for Auckland and Northland
Removed	-	<p>The following occupations are duplicate entries* (also included on the CISSL) and are therefore being removed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building Inspector/Building Surveyor Cabler (Data and Telecommunications) Carpenter Carpenter and Joiner Civil Engineering Draughtsperson Electrical Engineering Draughtsperson Fibrous Plasterer Floor Finisher Glazier Joiner Roof Plumber Roof Tiler Scaffolder Solid Plasterer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction Project Manager (Roothing and Infrastructure) This will be removed because Construction Project Manager is included on the LTSSL. The listing of 'Construction Project Manager (Foreman) (Roothing and Infrastructure)' will be retained.

	Long Term Skill Shortage List	Regional Skill Shortage List (replaces the ISSL)	Construction and Infrastructure Skill Shortage List
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stonemason • Surveying or Spatial Science Technician (Building Information Modelling Professional) • Surveying Technician (Spatial Science Technician/ Hydrographic Technician) • Surveying Technician (Spatial Science Technician/ Land Surveyor's Technician) • Telecommunications Cable Joiner • Telecommunications Technician 	
Other changes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The LTSSL requirements for the following occupations are being amended: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Construction Project Manager (133111) ○ Telecommunications Engineer (263311) ○ Telecommunications Network Engineer (263312) ○ Clinical Psychologist (272311) ○ All ICT, Electronics and Telecommunications occupations on the LTSSL, with the exception of Multimedia Specialist (Film Animator) (261211) <p>These changes include updates to qualifications and additional means of meeting the requirements (such as certification from a relevant professional body/association), however they will not raise the existing level of requirements. These changes are designed to make clearer the particular qualifications that are acceptable for immigration purposes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regions are being updated in line with the new regional model (outlined in the first table) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regions are being updated in line with the new regional model (outlined in the first table)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A minor amendment to Note 1 for all lists, clarifying that the List of Qualifications Exempt from Assessment may be used when comparing overseas qualifications to the New Zealand qualifications specified on the skill shortage lists 		

* Listings have been removed from the RSSL where they are duplicated on the CISSL. However, this has only been done where the qualification and work experience requirements on the CISSL are the same or more lenient.