



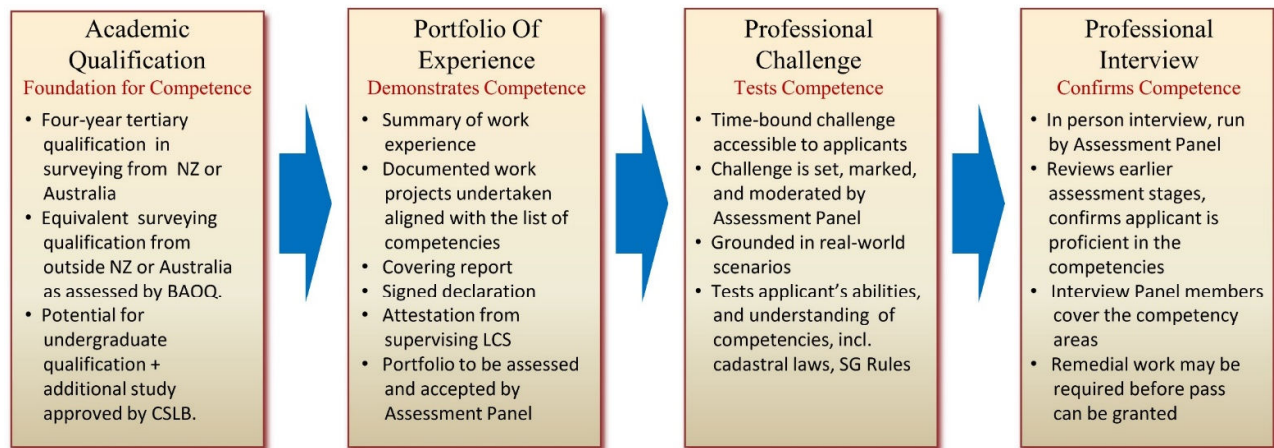
Cadastral Surveyors Licensing Board  
of New Zealand

## Certificate of Competency Assessment Framework Review

### Update for the Surveying Community – July 2024

At the beginning of March 2024, the Cadastral Surveyors Licensing Board released the final version of the future framework for assessing competency of those surveyors seeking an initial cadastral licence. This followed a consultation process with the surveying community in the latter half of 2023.

#### Cadastral Surveying: New Framework for Assessing Competency



Each of these stages must be completed successfully before the applicant can progress to the next stage.

BAOQ - Bureau for the Assessment of Overseas Qualifications  
LCS - Licensed Cadastral Surveyor



Since then, the Board has begun work on the implementation of the framework. The Board recognised early on that professional assistance was needed to undertake this, and so has taken steps to secure the outside assistance needed.

#### Consultant Engagement

The Board approached three consultant companies with recognised skills in the assessment of learning and competence to submit proposals for the work of assisting the Board to implement the framework. After a rigorous selection process, the Board is pleased to announce that it has engaged Synapsys Ltd as the main consultant for this work.

There are two main areas where the Synapsys team will help:

1. **Workstream A – Guidelines and Template Development:** This has begun with distilling the list of competencies in Schedule 1 of the CSLB Standards into measurable achievement standards applicable for those seeking a cadastral surveying licence for the first time. This is an important step because it will help map the competencies to the different stages of the assessment framework. The associated forms and workflows will also be drafted.
2. **Workstream B – Platform Implementation:** This will see the building of a digital platform to support the assessment framework that both applicants and assessors will interact with. Workstream A will be completed before the most appropriate learning management system platform is selected.

## Further Assistance

The Board has also approached members of the current S+SNZ Examinations Panel and Otago University School of Surveying to assist with the work with Synapsys. Their role is to bring subject matter expert (SME) input into the implementation, as well as providing first-hand experience from running the current assessment system. Work will also need to be done to create the detail for the three post-graduate stages of the framework, being the Portfolio of Experience, Professional Challenge and Professional Interview.

## Stakeholder Consultation

As the details are developed at each stage, the Board will undertake targeted consultation with relevant stakeholders.

## Examinations Coordinator

The Board has decided to appoint Phil Napper as the Examinations Coordinator in an interim role. This will help the Board to clearly define the lines of communication regarding the competency assessment framework. Once the framework implementation is further developed, the Board will seek to appoint someone for the permanent role. The Examinations Coordinator can be contacted at [examinations.coordinator@cslb.org.nz](mailto:examinations.coordinator@cslb.org.nz)

## Register of Applicants

The Board wishes to remind candidates to forward their contact details to the Examinations Coordinator so that they can be kept abreast of developments in the assessment framework.

## Timeframes

The Board is still working towards finalising the details of the framework implementation during 2024, with a view to introducing the new competency framework in 2025. More details will be communicated with the surveying community as they are known. There will be plenty of warning about the timing of the new framework and the details of the transition period.

Candidates who are working towards their initial licence should ensure their experience aligns with the competencies stated in Schedule 1 of the CSLB Standards 2021. The S+SNZ Annual Circular continues to provide guidance on the requirements and level of complexity expected for the project evidence.

## Communication

The Board will continue to provide updates to the surveying community on the progress of the new framework. In the meantime, questions can be directed in the first instance to the Examinations Coordinator [examinations.coordinator@cslb.org.nz](mailto:examinations.coordinator@cslb.org.nz)

Correspondence on the rest of the Board's activities can continue to be directed to the Secretary of the Board [secretary@cslb.org.nz](mailto:secretary@cslb.org.nz)

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