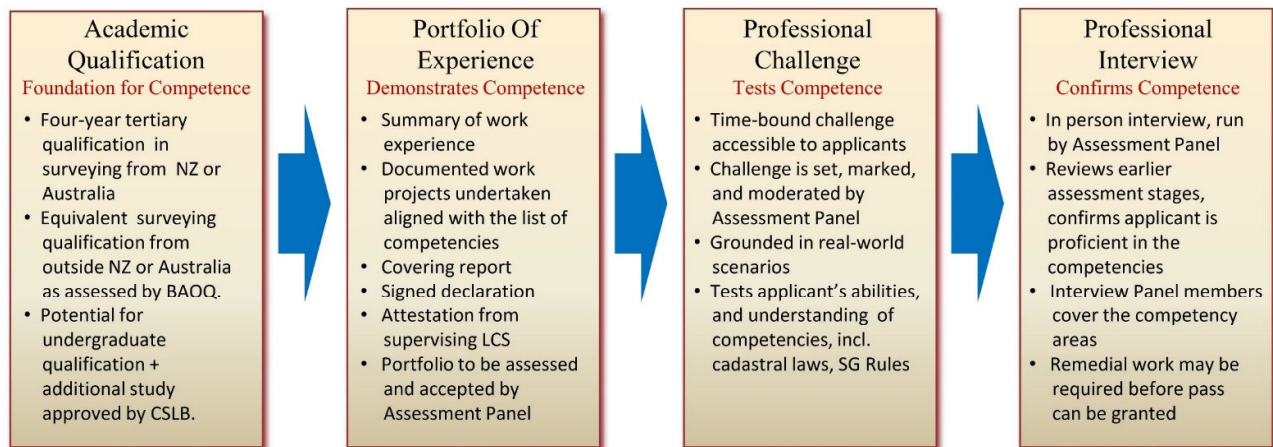




Cadastral Surveyors Licensing Board
of New Zealand

Certificate of Competency Assessment Framework Review Update for the Surveying Community – October 2024

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



In July this year, the Cadastral Surveyors Licensing Board provided an update on the framework for assessing competency of those surveyors seeking an initial cadastral licence. It is now time to provide another update as we have reached an important milestone in the process.

The Board has been working closely with Synapsys Ltd, the consultant tasked with building the digital platform that will support the new framework.

Consultant Involvement

As preciously advised, there are two main workstream areas which Synapsys Ltd are developing:

1. **Workstream A – Guidelines and Template Development:** This stage of the project is now completed. It has involved two areas of work. Firstly, the Schedule 1 competencies were refined into measurable achievement standards applicable for those seeking a first-time licence. These were then aligned with the appropriate stage of the framework where they could best be assessed. Secondly, a User Requirements

document has been developed which sets out what each group of people will need from the system. The groups involved will be the applicants (graduates), examinations coordinator, graduate supervisor (LCS), assessors and the Board.

2. Workstream B – Platform Implementation: This work has just begun and will involve the building of the actual digital platform based on the outputs from Workstream A. This will support the assessment framework that each group of people will interact with. Synapsys have recommended the Moodle learning management system as a robust digital platform to support our assessment framework.
3. In conjunction with this work the Board continues working to develop the Portfolio of Experience, Professional Challenge and Professional Interview, with assistance from subject matter experts experienced in competency assessment of graduate surveyors. This involves determining the evidential requirements that applicants need to provide at each stage of the framework.

Register of Applicants

The new digital platform will contain a register of applicants. At this stage it is expected that graduate details will be entered in the register once their academic qualifications have been reviewed by the examinations coordinator and accepted.

Timeframes

The Board has finalised the expected timeframes of the framework implementation for next year, and beyond –

- The current S+S NZ professional examination will be offered twice next year in the usual manner, one in the first half of the year and the other in the second half of the year. This will include the Cadastral Law examination which is usually held around midyear. Dates for these examinations will be published by S+S NZ.
- It is expected that 2025 will be the last year that the current system will be offered. **Those applicants who have commenced their competency journey utilising the S+SNZ Annual Circular as a guide, and have completed some projects, are strongly encouraged to seek a certificate of competency next year.**
- 2025 will be a transition year. The details of the new framework will be released early in the year so that applicants can plan for the new framework in 2026. The new framework will be tested by a small group of applicants who will take part in a pilot late in 2025.
- The new framework will be fully implemented in 2026, following a successful pilot.

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 current S+SNZ Annual Circular continues to provide guidance on the requirements and level of complexity expected for the project evidence.

Further details about the transition to the new framework will be provided well in advance.

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

Surveying graduates should forward their contact details to the Examinations Coordinator so that they can be kept abreast of developments in the assessment framework.

Correspondence on the rest of the Board's activities can continue to be directed to the Secretary of the Board secretary@cslb.org.nz

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