



Cadastral Surveyors Licensing Board
of New Zealand

New Competency Assessment Framework

Update for the Surveying Community – June 2025

A. NEW FRAMEWORK PILOT

The pilot testing of the new framework has now begun. From the 21 graduates who volunteered to be involved, eight candidates were chosen with varying backgrounds from a variety of locations and companies to thoroughly test the system between now and late April 2026. They have all successfully uploaded their academic qualifications and are working their way through the Portfolio of Experience documentation. Regular meetings are underway to answer questions and seek feedback on improvements to the system and documentation.

B. MOODLE DIGITAL PLATFORM – LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

The Moodle digital platform has now gone live for all applicants seeking an initial cadastral licence under the new Competency Assessment Framework.

First step is to go to the following link <https://lms.cslb.org.nz/>

Please refer to the Moodle Applicant User Guide which can be found at [News & Publications - CSLB](#)

Applicants will need to register with the Moodle platform using contact details such as their name and an email address. They will then be able to upload their university degree and transcript under the first stage of the framework, the Academic Qualification. The Examinations Coordinator will review the uploaded documentation and, if compliant, will notify the applicant that they have completed the first stage. All applicants are encouraged to complete this step even if they are only a recent graduate. This is because it will make communication with those on the competency pathway much easier.

During 2025 most applicants will not be able to interact further with the Moodle platform once their Academic Qualification has been approved, unless they are part of the pilot testing the new framework. However, all applicants can still prepare their Portfolio of Experience documentation in accordance with the Competency Assessment Guideline ready for uploading to Moodle later. We anticipate that applicants who are not part of the pilot will be able to engage with the Portfolio of Experience part of Moodle once that stage of the pilot has been completed. This is likely to be in the first quarter of 2026.

Applicants will then use the Moodle platform to upload their work experience documentation, work projects, covering reports and attestations for the Portfolio of Experience as outlined in the Competency Assessment Guideline.

The Professional Challenge and Professional Interview will occur outside of the Moodle platform. However, the platform will be used to request any remedial work required after the Professional Interview. The results of these two stages will be recorded in Moodle for each applicant, and the certificate of competency issued at the end to those that are successful.

C. PROFESSIONAL CHALLENGE AND PROFESSIONAL INTERVIEW

The Board is continuing to work closely with representatives of the S+SNZ Examinations Panel and the School of Surveying to advance the details around these two stages of the new framework. Please refer to the Guideline and CSLB Newsletter from March 2025 for further information on these stages ([News & Publications - CSLB](#)). Further details will be provided later this year.

D. NEW COMPETENCY FRAMEWORK TIMEFRAMES

Following the completion of the pilot and the implementation of the learnings, the new competency assessment framework will become fully operational. Applicants will then be able to begin uploading their Portfolio of Experience to the Moodle platform.

The anticipated timeframes for the full implementation in 2026 are as follows:

- Deadline for submission of Portfolio of Experience – late June 2026
- Notification of acceptance of PoE – late August 2026
- Professional Challenge – late September 2026
- Professional Interviews – late October 2026

Applicants should note that, apart from the pilot, there will only be one opportunity to seek a certificate of competency in 2026.

If you have any issues or questions, then please contact the Examinations Coordinator, Kirsten Flett, at examinations.coordinator@cslb.org.nz



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