



Cadastral Surveyors Licensing Board  
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## **COMPETENCY ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORK REDESIGN WEBINAR QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**

The following are the questions asked by participants during the webinar held on 2 April 2025 outlining further information about the Competency Assessment Guideline and the transition to the new Competency Assessment Framework, together with answers. They are given based on the best information available at this time, and that the Framework may still evolve following the pilot.

A recording of the webinar is available at

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*Q1: Can LT's that haven't been approved as to survey but are 90% done (i.e. waiting on external factors like planting) be used as the mandatory LT project?*

A: It is expected that cadastral survey datasets should be approved as to survey as the competencies are about undertaking cadastral surveys that are compliant with the Surveyor-General's Rules for cadastral surveys. This is not fully known until a dataset is approved. It is also clearer and fairer for everyone if datasets are approved, rather than at arbitrary levels of completion.

*Q2: What if the supervising LCS did not have the full suite of competencies assessed during their competency assessment (i.e. no Engineering project/assessment)? Can they still supervise?*

A: It is hoped that most LCS's would be able to provide supervision as it is one of the required competencies for an LCS. However, it would be up to individual LCS's if they are able to supervise a particular project. The attestation by each supervising LCS confirms only the extent of the experience obtained, not the competencies of each applicant. The engineering requirements are not as onerous as they had been under the current system.

*Q3: I'm planning to take the Cadastral Law exam this June and am also considering sitting for the professional examination under the new system. I'm not ruling out the professional exam under the old system, but since the Cadastral Law exam takes a while to be marked, it leaves very little time—if any—to prepare and submit the project before the last professional exam under the old system.*

*Given this, what is the board's perspective on the transition between the old and new licensing systems? would this be allowed?*

A: It is up to individual applicants and their situation whether they expect to be ready to sit the cadastral law examination in June. If confident of being ready for the current professional examination in October then it is recommended to obtain a pass in the

cadastral law exam and be eligible. Otherwise if you are not ready for the current examinations this year, wait until the new framework starts next year when cadastral will be examined as part of the professional challenge.

*Q4: Will the professional challenge be held in one location or will it be conducted regionally or in some other format?*

A: The Challenge will be in one location for the pilot. In future it could be located regionally or in another format such as the possibly of using a 'virtual classroom'. This would depend on the number of candidates and their locations. We expect it will also be in one location later next year, but this has yet to be decided.

*Q5: Hi, for going to the cadastral law exam, what we need to submit to proof already 10 months working experience?*

A: The current requirement for 10 months experience to sit the law exam still applies in the current system. This will cease to apply under the new framework. Moodle is expected to be ready in May to register and start uploading qualifications for those who will be going through the new system.

*Q6: And the Moodle is coming this May or next May? Thanks*

A: Expected to be this May 2025.

*Q7: Moving forward, how many exams/interviews will be held each year, one or two?*

A: As noted in the Competency Assessment Framework document (February 2024) the interview will be offered at least once a year and will follow as soon as practical after the completion of the Professional Challenge. There will only be one intake for the pilot and the full examination in 2026. The Board would like to move to two intakes a year in the future if this can be managed efficiently.

*Q8: The 1 hr cadastral law exam in the new system before the real world challenge. What's the difference between it and the old one e.g. this June one? Thanks*

A: The 1 hour exam under the new framework will be a condensed version of the current law exam. It will be more focused on cadastral law and the Surveyor-Generals' Rules.

*Q9: You mentioned the possibility of claiming up to six months of pre-graduation work experience. Could you please clarify what documents are required to initiate this process?*

A: As noted in the Competency Assessment Guideline (March 2025), the required documents include the technicians qualification, experience summary and attestations in the required forms; to be submitted along with the other forms that are required. Dispensation requests outside the automatic dispensation of 6 months experience should be sent to the Examinations Coordinator for consideration by the Board.

*Q10: Kia ora, The guidelines offer details for the content of the covering reports for each competency, I'm wondering what the submission of the individual projects would look like, will they be similar to the current project reports?*

A: Using the usual information collected and produced as part of their work projects, applicants should provide all the relevant information to provide sufficient evidence to support the claim that the individual competencies have been attained, which is tied

across using the covering report. This will assist the assessors to carry out their review of each portfolio.

It could be similar to what is presently provided in the current system.

In the new system it is expected that it will form part of each project and can be uploaded to Moodle to progressively build the portfolio of experience.

*Q11: Its fair to say the requirements under the new criteria are not as onerous as those current. Do you intend to release documentation to guide RPSurv's or LCS's to ensure they 'move with the times'*

A: It is expected that the new examination requirements will be at a similar level of complexity as the current system; however, the main change is that examination will be more aligned with the Competencies under the Board Standards.

The Board is reliant on LCS's competencies in providing the necessary supervision and training for graduates. If there is any need for educating LCS's regarding the new framework requirements, this could be looked at in the future. The RPSurv qualification is not relevant to licensing.

*Post webinar update: The CSLB have secured a presentation slot at the S+SNZ Conference in September to help address this matter.*