



Update on Professional Registration Portfolios

As the regulator of the profession the NZSSA Inc. requires that all qualified sterile technicians working within New Zealand have submitted to the NZSSA a professional portfolio for registration assessment. Following initial assessment, portfolios are then submitted every 3 years thereafter.

This requirement affects the following:

- **Technicians who are graduates of:**
 - **NZ3219 New Zealand Certificate in Sterilising Technology Level 4**
 - **Open Polytechnic Certificate in Sterilising Technology Level 3 pre 2019**
 - **NZSSA Certificate in Sterilising Technology**
- **Overseas qualified sterilisation technicians who have been granted level 4 Equivalency by the NZSSA.**
- **Graduates of the NZ3220 New Zealand Diploma in Sterilising Technology Level 5 graduates.**

New graduates of NZ3219 New Zealand Certificate in Sterilising Technology Level 4 will have 4 months from completion of their course to register their portfolio.

Instructions for completing a portfolio are on the website.

From 1 January 2026 Technicians who hold the above qualifications shall be required to have a current registration portfolio.

Graduates of NZ3218 New Zealand Certificate in Sterilising Technology Level 3 is not a qualification that allows a technician to become a registered sterilisation technician.

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