

2024



# NZ Certificate in Horticulture (General)

## Level 3

With the EIT | Te Pūkenga NZ Certificate in Horticulture (General) (Level 3) you will learn the fundamentals of growing a range of plants in a variety of environments.

A mix of theory and practical learning, you will learn about propagation and cultivation, growing systems, pests and disease, soils and plant science along with useful gardening skills.

Location	Hawke's Bay
Start	February and July
Length	20 weeks full-time*
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\* Part-time study available.

For NZ Citizens and Permanent Residents



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# Grow a career in horticulture

This horticulture programme is ideal for people who want to increase their horticulture knowledge, whether it be to propagate their own plants or grow their own food.

The general horticulture knowledge and skills you will gain in this programme can lead to employment in the horticulture industry.

The programme has a mix of theory and practice and you will propagate plants in the EIT | Te Pūkenga glasshouse and grow plants in our outdoor garden. You will learn about pests and disease, soils, plant science and useful gardening skills. This programme gives you an excellent skill base for further study at higher levels.

As a graduate of this qualification you will be able to:

- Apply knowledge of plant and soils science to the identification, selection and growing of plants.
- Apply knowledge of growing systems and environments to the establishment and growing of plants.

## Career and study opportunities

This qualification may build on the NZ Certificate in Primary Industry Skills (Level 2). This qualification will also be suitable for small block owners or for mature learners who wish to gain knowledge of horticultural science in a range of general horticulture growing systems and practices.

As a graduate of this qualification you may be employed or self-employed, and/or move flexibly between a range of horticultural enterprises.

## Study pathway

This qualification may lead on to:

- NZ Certificate in Land Based Sustainability Practices (Level 3)
- NZ Certificate in Sustainable Primary Production (Level 4)
- NZ Certificate in Horticulture (Fruit Production) (Level 3)
- NZ Diploma in Horticulture Production (Level 5)
- NZ Diploma in Environmental Management (Level 5)

## Timetable

Your study time will be made up of contact time (class times, tutorials, industry-based learning) and non-contact time (your own individual study time).

## Contact time

On-campus classes are usually scheduled between 9.00am-4.00pm, three days per week.

## Non-contact time

You should plan to spend 10-15 hours per week on individual study.

## Additional costs


- Equipment needed: Steel cap boots






## NZ Certificate in Horticulture (General) Level 3, 60 credits

 Hawke's Bay

 Full-time: 20 weeks  
Part-time: equivalent

 Fee:  
Visit [fees.eit.ac.nz](https://fees.eit.ac.nz) to see the fees for this programme

### Entry requirements

- NCEA Level 1; or
- a qualification at Level 1 or above, with evidence of Literacy and Numeracy abilities equivalent to NCEA (Level 1); or
- evidence of relevant knowledge and experience, including Literacy and Numeracy abilities equivalent to NCEA Level 1.

In the latter two situations you may be required to participate in an enrolment interview with the purpose of verifying the evidence.

### Other requirements

This is a practical programme that requires you to have the physical ability to undertake practical tasks.

### English language entry requirement

If English is not your first language you are required to have attained an acceptable level of English language fluency. This may be demonstrated in a variety of ways, including successful study in English, approved scores on IELTS (5 with no band score lower than 5) tests, completion of accepted international equivalents or completion of a EIT | Te Pūkenga assessment.

### Entry with credit

You may already have some knowledge or skills that can be recognised as part of your intended study. This may take a number of different forms including study at any other tertiary institution, life or work experiences and workplace training can also be considered. If you think you qualify, you can apply for Cross Credit (CC) or Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL).

- CC is based on the equivalency of courses or qualifications. You would apply for CC if you have passed a very similar course at the same level.
- RPL is based on the assessment of your current knowledge and skills. You would apply for RPL if you had gained the relevant knowledge and skills through life experiences and informal learning situations.

You will be asked to provide details of anything that you would like to be considered as credit toward your intended programme of study, as part of your application.

CC and RPL cannot be awarded for a course if you are enrolled in that course. An original transcript or notice

## 2024 Key dates

**Intake one** Starts: 12 February  
Ends: 14 June

**Intake two** Starts: 22 July  
Ends: 6 December

**Semester breaks** Intake one:  
15-26 April  
Intake two:  
30 September-11 October

of results from the institute at which you previously studied (or verified copies) will be required for all applications.

For further information and enquiries about CC and RPL please contact the Programme Coordinator, Lisa Turnbull, on 06 830 1879 or [lmturnbull@eit.ac.nz](mailto:lmturnbull@eit.ac.nz).

### Literacy and numeracy skills

A Literacy and Numeracy assessment is part of the preparation for all Level 1 to 3 programmes. This is a national requirement from the Tertiary Education Commission (TEC). This information gives your tutors information on what you already know to help them provide the help that you may need in your studies.

There are two assessments. The first assessment will take place within the first three weeks of the programme. The second will be a week or two before you finish the programme. This final assessment will show how you have improved with your Literacy and Numeracy skills.

There will always be a tutor to help you when doing the assessment. The most important thing to know about this assessment is that you CANNOT fail. You will merely get information on your Literacy and Numeracy skills. The result will NOT have an impact on any of your assessment marks in your course work.

### Assessments

Each course contains assessments which may be in the form of an assignment, test, practical, collection, project and work.



## Experienced lecturers

At EIT | Te Pūkenga, you can be confident in the quality of our teaching and your learning experience.

EIT | Te Pūkenga is highly regarded in New Zealand for research excellence due to the quality of our community centred research, our publications and our external grant income provided by funding institutions who have confidence in our research capability. You can be confident your lecturers use the latest knowledge and research in their field of expertise to inform their teaching, and many are at the forefront of knowledge creation within their discipline area.

## EIT is now part of Te Pūkenga

Te Pūkenga brings together New Zealand's Institutes of Technology, Polytechnics, and Industry Training Organisations to build a network of on job, on-campus and online learning. The services we offer not only remain, they are strengthened by being part of the extensive Te Pūkenga network around the country. Your enrolment for study in 2024 will see you enrolling with Te Pūkenga and becoming part of the extensive Te Pūkenga network around the country.

## The experience you need & the support to succeed

When you study at EIT | Te Pūkenga you'll get the kind of experiences that will help you gain the knowledge and skills to get ahead.

You'll also be supported by lecturers and tutors who are here for you, within a learning environment where you are treated as an individual, not just a number.

They'll know your name and you'll receive one-on-one attention to make sure you get the support to succeed.

## Course descriptions

Course no.	Brief description	NZQA level	No. of credits
CHG3.01	<b>Plant Science</b> Develop knowledge of plant growth, structure and processes to underpin the application of growing systems and plant identification.	3	10
CHG3.02	<b>Growing Environments</b> Provide learners with theoretical knowledge of soil science which can be applied to varied growing systems.	3	10
CHG3.03	<b>Plant Health</b> Identify and rectify plant health problems.	3	10
CHG3.04	<b>Propagation and Cultivation</b> Provide learners with transferable skills for a plant nursery environment who can practise these skills in accordance with workplace health and safety procedures.	3	10
CHG3.05	<b>Growing Systems</b> Gain an understanding of the underpinning science and growing practices required to produce a range of crops in different growing environments. To enable learners to apply growing techniques using workplace health and safety practices.	3	20



# How to enrol

There is an easy 3-step process to follow when enrolling at EIT | Te Pūkenga.

## Step 1

Check out [eit.ac.nz](http://eit.ac.nz) to see the programmes available for you to study. A copy of the course information for each programme is available on our website.

## Step 2

You can now use your RealMe verified identity to apply for study at EIT | Te Pūkenga. If you use your RealMe verified identity you will no longer be sent a copy of your application form to sign. You also will not need to provide us with a copy of your primary ID.

If you apply online without using RealMe then you will be sent a summary of your enrolment to check and sign. It will also include course selection forms which you need to complete and return. Your enrolment cannot progress until you have sent the summary and forms back to us.

You can also apply using a paper enrolment form. Please call us on **0800 22 55 348** and we will send you one out.

You will receive an acceptance letter from your Faculty with programme information. This will include the start date of your study and any special information regarding your programme. Depending on your chosen programme of study, you may be invited to attend an interview before you are accepted.

## Step 3

Arrangement for full payment of enrolment fees must be made before the start of your programme. You will receive an invoice with payment details.

**Fees-free government scheme:** Tertiary education is fees-free for eligible domestic tertiary students. To check if you are eligible, go to [FeesFree.govt.nz](http://FeesFree.govt.nz) and enter your National Student Number (NSN). If you are not eligible you will be responsible for paying your fees.

**Scholarships and grants:** Scholarships and grants make life easier by helping to cover your fees, other costs and living expenses while you study. You don't always need to be an academic high-flyer to qualify. You can find out more about scholarships and other options for paying your fees at [eit.ac.nz](http://eit.ac.nz).

**StudyLink:** If you need to pay for your own study you can choose to apply for your Student Loan and Student Allowance with StudyLink. You should do this early, even if you haven't yet been accepted on your programme. You can change your details later if anything changes. Visit [studylink.govt.nz](http://studylink.govt.nz) to find out more about StudyLink.

## Student services levy

The student services levy is a compulsory non-tuition fee that is charged to students enrolled at EIT | Te Pūkenga. The levy is to contribute to the provision of quality student services that support learning. The funds received by EIT | Te Pūkenga from the levy are ring-fenced, meaning they can only be spent on student services.

## Student loans and allowances

StudyLink is a service of the Ministry of Social Development. Apply well before your programme begins (even if you haven't been accepted yet) so you'll be ready to get your payments when you need them most.

Check out what you qualify for at [studylink.govt.nz](http://studylink.govt.nz).



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