



Horticulture Skills

NZ Certificate in Primary Industry Skills [Level 2]

NZ Certificate in Primary Industry Operational Skills (with optional Specialist Equipment and Infrastructure strands) [Level 3]

This conjoint programme of the NZ Certificate in Primary Industries Skills [Level 2] and the NZ Certificate in Primary Industry Operational Skills (with optional Specialist Equipment and Infrastructure strands) [Level 3] provides entry level skills for those beginning a career in primary industries with a focus on horticulture production.

During the length of this programme you will be involved in seasonal production tasks relevant to industry. You will develop your knowledge and skill base which will help strengthen your practical application. As a graduate you will be able to undertake a range of seasonal activities.

When you complete the Level 3 programme you will have the skills to safely operate horticultural vehicles and work with different types of machinery and infrastructure.

Location	Tairāwhiti Rural Studies Unit
Start	June
Length	24 weeks full-time
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Grow your skills for a career in the horticulture industry

During the length of your studies you will complete the following approved NZQA qualifications:

- NZ Certificate in Primary Industry Skills [Level 2] 40 credits
- NZ Certificate in Primary Industry Operational Skills (with optional Specialist Equipment and Infrastructure strands) [Level 3] 40-60 credits

In particular, the programme is designed to:

- Raise skill levels of horticultural staff.
- Provide stimulating collegial support for workers in horticulture.
- Provide a pathway for ongoing and further study in horticulture.

This qualification provides entry level skills for those beginning a career in the primary industries. It is an applied practical programme.

Subject Areas

A range of horticulture activities will be delivered.

You will also learn to operate and maintain a range of horticultural vehicles, machinery and infrastructure in a safe manner. This may include:

- Hydraladas
- Chainsaws
- Quads
- LUVs
- Tractors
- Ride-on mowers
- Irrigation
- Support structures

Career and Study Opportunities

Possible jobs and career opportunities can include:

- Pruner
- Harvester
- Pack house hand
- Packhouse crew supervisor
- Machinery operator

On successful completion of this Horticulture Skills programme you may choose to continue your studies by enrolling in the NZ Certificate in Horticulture (Fruit Production) [Level 3], followed by the NZ Certificate in Horticulture Production (Fruit Production) [Level 4] and then the NZ Diploma in Horticulture Production [Level 5].

Timetable

Your study involves contact time (class times), and non-contact time (your own independent study time).

Contact Time

On campus classes are usually scheduled between 9.00am-2.30pm, Monday to Thursday.

Non-contact Time

You should plan to spend seven hours of independent study per week excluding scheduled classroom time.

Each course in this programme requires independent learning outside of classroom hours.



Horticulture Skills Level 2-3, 80-100 credits

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Level 2, 40 credits

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Specialist Equipment and Infrastructure strands)
Level 3, 40-60 credits



Tairāwhiti Rural Studies Unit



Full-time: 24 weeks



Fee: Visit fees.eit.ac.nz to see the fees for this programme



2025 Key Dates

Programme Starts	Monday, 16 June
Programme Ends	Thursday, 27 November
Semester Breaks	30 June - 11 July 22 September - 3 October

Entry Requirements

This is an open entry programme which means no formal qualifications are required. You must be aged 16 or over and you are required to have a reasonable reading level in order to cope with the programme and to carry out written instruction.

You must also be physically able to complete the programme specific outcomes.

English Language Entry Requirements

Applicants 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 TOEFL or IELTS (5.0 Academic) tests, completion of accepted international equivalents, or completion of an EIT assessment.

Literacy and Numeracy Skills

A literacy and numeracy assessment is part of the preparation for all level one to three 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.

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 while at high school, study at a private training establishment, workplace training, other tertiary study, life experiences or voluntary work. If you think you may qualify, you may want to 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.

You must apply prior to enrolment. CC and RPL cannot be awarded for a course if you are already enrolled in that course.

For further information and enquiries about CC and RPL, please contact the Programme Administrator, Lucy Tomlinson, on 06 869 3168 or ltomlinson@eit.ac.nz.

Assessments

This is an achievement-based programme which means that you will be graded on your assessments.

Assessments include a variety of methods, such as practical assessments, theory assessments and research assignments. At the end of the NZ Certificate in Primary Industry Skills [Level 2] you will have a portfolio of work that will be an excellent resource for you to use in any future learning or to give to any potential employers.

Facilities

EIT has a range of student services available to ensure you are supported throughout your time with us. These include:

- Literacy and Numeracy support
- Computer suites
- Library support
- Laboratories
- Academic support
- Māori and Pasifika services

Experienced Lecturers

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

EIT 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.

A range of industry experts are used as guest speakers or hosts of field trips.

Scholarships

Scholarships are a way to help financially support your study. They can make life easier by helping to cover your fees and living expenses while you complete your qualification. You don't always need to be an academic high-flyer to qualify.

Find out what's available at scholarships.eit.ac.nz or for general scholarship information please contact scholarships@eit.ac.nz.

The experience you need & the support to succeed

When you study at EIT 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.

Programme Information

Students will complete the NZ Certificate in Primary Industry Skills [Level 2] followed by the NZ Certificate in Primary Industry Operational Skills (with optional Specialist Equipment and Infrastructure strands) [Level 3].

The Level 2 qualification is to enable the recognition of the entry level skills and knowledge required by the primary industry sector, and to provide a training pathway for entry into careers in the primary sector. The Level 3 qualification focuses on agri-vehicles, machinery and infrastructure such as tractors, light utility vehicles, fencing support structures, irrigation, mowers and chainsaws.

Course Descriptions

NB: Courses are offered subject to sufficient enrolments.

NZ Certificate in Primary Industry Skills [Level 2]

Course No.	Brief Description	NZQA Level	No. of Credits
CPI2.01	Safe Work Practices The purpose of this course is to enable the recognition of the entry level skills and knowledge regarding safe work practices required by the primary industry sector, for students to be able to locate hazards and demonstrate safe work practices.	2	10
CPI2.02	Introduction to Primary Industries The purpose of this course is to enable the recognition of the entry level skills and knowledge to identify primary industry skills and processes, demonstrate primary production tasks, comply with work place standards and demonstrate foundation skills of communication, teamwork, problem solving and self-management.	2	30

NZ Certificate in Primary Industry Operational Skills (with optional Specialist Equipment and Infrastructure strands) [Level 3]

Course No.	Brief Description	NZQA Level	No. of Credits
Compulsory Courses			
CPIOS3.01	Management of Workplace Risks and Personal Wellbeing The aim of this course is to provide students with knowledge and skills in risk identification, management of workplace risks and personal wellbeing when carrying out primary industry operational activities involving the use of vehicles, machinery, and infrastructure.	3	15
CPIOS3.02	Mechanised Equipment – Vehicles The aim of this course is to provide students with knowledge and skills in the safe and effective operation of primary industry vehicles with consideration for environmental impacts.	3	15
CPIOS3.03	Mechanised Equipment – Machinery The aim of this course is to provide students with knowledge and skills in the safe and effective operation of primary industry machinery with consideration for environmental impacts.	3	10
Optional Courses			
CPIOS3.04	Specialist Equipment strand The aim of this course is to provide students with knowledge and skills to safely operate specialist equipment for primary industry operational activities.	3	10
CPIOS3.05	Infrastructure strand The aim of this course is to provide students with knowledge and skills to safely maintain workplace infrastructure.	3	10

How to Enrol

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

Step 1

Check out 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. 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.

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 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.

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 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. The levy is to contribute to the provision of quality student services that support learning. The funds received by EIT 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.



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