

2025



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NZ Certificate in Foundation Skills

Construction

Level 2

The NZ Certificate in Foundation Skills (Construction) is aimed at preparing you for further study in the construction industry.

This Construction course is a project-based learning programme. Project-based learning allows you to explore, negotiate, interpret and create quality products. Throughout this programme you will learn to link theory with practical skills.

Location	Hawke's Bay
Start	February and July
Length	19 weeks full-time
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For NZ Citizens and Permanent Residents



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Build essential skills to kick start your construction career

The NZ Certificate in Foundation Skills (Construction) [Level 2] consists of four courses. These are practical and hands-on but will include some theory so that you develop knowledge as well as skills.

During practical lessons you will learn the skills that are needed to carry out real workplace tasks.

At the end of programme you will be able to:

- Effectively use hand tools
- Carry out basic construction tasks
- Understand basic construction terminology
- Use power tools safely
- Read and understand construction plans
- Communicate job requirements (in both written and verbal formats)
- Listen and follow instructions
- Read and interpret specifications
- Record daily work activities
- Measure and calculate materials required for projects

You are welcome to make an appointment to talk to a teaching staff member about this programme and to have a tour of the Trades workshops.

Career and Study Opportunities

You could progress onto entry level trade pre-apprentice programmes such as:

- NZ Certificate in Construction Trade Skills [Level 3], or
- NZ Certificate in Building Construction and Allied Trade Skills (BCATS) [Level 3]
- Progress straight into Industry

Industry-based Training

You will gain practical experience through project-based learning.

Timetable

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

Contact Time

Classes are scheduled Monday through to Wednesday or Wednesday through to Friday from 8.30am-4.00pm with 21 contact hours per week.

Non-contact Time

You should plan to spend 14 hours per week on individual study time.




NZ Certificate in Foundation Skills (Construction)

Level 2, 60 credits

 Hawke's Bay

 Full-time: 19 weeks

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

Additional Costs

- \$100 approximately for safety boots

Entry Requirements

A personal interview is part of the application process. We want to talk with you to make sure this is the right programme for your needs.

Applicants must meet one of the following criteria:

- A minimum three years secondary education; or
- Demonstrated commitment to learning.

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 support 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.

Facilities

The EIT Trades and Technology training workshops offer students the opportunity to learn in an environment modelled on real-world industries.

Assessments

The NZ Certificate in Foundation Skills (Construction) [Level 2] programme has been designed around task-based learning. Practical and some theory assessments will be completed to evaluate your skills so you know how well you are doing.

EIT can provide support for those that have difficulty with any assessments.

2025 Key Dates

Intake One Starts: Monday, 10 February
Ends: Thursday, 19 June

Intake Two Starts: Monday, 21 July
Ends: Friday, 28 November

Semester Breaks 14 - 25 April
22 September - 3 October

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.



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.

Programme Information

The programme consists of four (4) courses. These are practical and hands-on but will include some theory so that you develop knowledge as well as skills.

During the practicals you will learn the skills that are needed to carry out real workplace tasks.

Course Descriptions

Course No.	Brief Description	NZQA Level	No. of Credits
FSK2.01	Essential Skills – Tuapapa To enable students to develop a range of communication and interpersonal skills to participate effectively within society.	2	15
FSK2.02	Self – Rapu Ora To enable students to increase awareness of self and others to identify potential educational and/or employment opportunities.	2	15
FSK2.33	Pathways – Ara Hou To enable students to develop contextualised skills to participate effectively in future education or employment.	2	15
FSK2.34	Active Learning – Rapu Pukengatanga To enable students to identify and progress towards future educational and employment goals.	2	15



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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