

2025



NZ Certificate in Outdoor Experiences

Level 3

Do you like tramping, mountain biking, water sports and challenging nature adventures?

Can you imagine turning your passion for the great outdoors into a serious career? Then the NZ Certificate in Outdoor Experiences has you covered.

Location	Hawke's Bay and Tairāwhiti
Start	February (Tairāwhiti) and August (Hawke's Bay)
Length	14 weeks full-time
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For NZ Citizens and Permanent Residents



TE AHO A MĀUI

Are you seeking a career in the outdoors?

This hands-on programme will teach you how to survive and navigate in the wild following the principles of personal safety and kaitiakitanga (guardianship and protection of the environment). The certificate is made up of field-trips as well as land-based and water-based activities. You will also get the opportunity to go on an overnight camping trip and build your own shelter.

This qualification will set you up for a career as a ranger, tourism guide, or for a role in the search and rescue services or defence force.

Subject Areas

- Local tikanga and kawa
- Kaitiakitanga
- Preparing and planning an outdoor activity
- Self-management and self-confidence
- Physical fitness
- Water-based activity - kayaking, rafting, paddle boarding, snorkelling
- Land-based activity - mountain biking, tramping, navigation, rockclimbing, DOC work
- Communication

Career and Study Opportunities

Career opportunities include:

- NZ Defence Force
- Tourism industry - adventure guide
- Department of Conservation ranger
- Search and Rescue team member
- Physical Training industry

Study pathways include:

- NZ Certificate in Study and Career Preparation (Services Pathway) [Level 3]
- NZ Certificate in Outdoor and Adventure Education (Multi-skilled) [Level 4]
- NZ Certificate in Exercise [Level 4]



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Level 3, 40 credits



Hawke's Bay and Tairāwhiti



Full-time: 14 weeks



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

Scholarships may be available, to find out more go to www.eit.ac.nz/students/scholarships



2025 Key Dates

Intake One

Tairāwhiti only

Starts: Monday, 17 February

Ends: Friday, 23 May

Intake Two

Hawke's Bay only

Starts: Monday, 18 August

Ends: Friday, 21 November

Semester Breaks

14 - 25 April

30 June - 18 July

22 September - 3 October

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 scheduled with 21 hours contact time with your tutor.

For a current timetable, please refer to eit.ac.nz/students/timetable.

Non-contact Time

You should plan to spend 12 hours of individual study per course per week, including scheduled classroom time.

Entry Requirements

Academic Requirement

- Achievement of NCEA (Level 1) or equivalent qualification.

Standard Entry Requirements

- Minimum 16 years of age at the start of the programme.
- An interview may be required.
- Must be physically able to complete programme.
- Must be confident in water and camping outdoors.

English Language Entry Requirements

If English is not your first language a level of English language fluency is required for the programme. This may be demonstrated through successful study of a programme in English, completion of a Level 3 NZ Certificate in English Language, approved scores on IELTS tests (5.0 Academic with no band score lower than 5.0), completion of an EIT assessment.

Entry with Credit

If you wish to claim credit from previous studies or experiences, you can do so by applying 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.

Please identify any credit you may wish to be considered as part of the programme application. Please note recognising prior learning may reduce your study load in this programme and impact on your ability to receive funding.

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

Classes are held at the EIT Hawke's Bay campus. Field trips will cover a range of destinations within the region.

Assessments

Assessments are of various types, including practical skills assessments, projects and written assessments such as reports and reflections.



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.

Name	Position
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Course Descriptions

Course No.	Brief Description	NZQA Level	No. of Credits
COE3.101	Kaitiakitanga The aim of this course is to develop knowledge, skills, and competencies to prepare for an outdoor experience within a framework of respect for the environment.	3	10
COE3.201	Outdoor Preparation The aim of this course is to develop the knowledge, skills and competencies to manage self in a range of low risk outdoor activities.	3	15
COE3.301	Outdoor Activities The aim of this course is to apply technical skills and competencies relevant to a range of outdoor activities.	3	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](https://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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