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NZ Certificate in Primary Industry Skills

Agriculture / Horticulture

Level 2

The NZ Certificate in Primary Industry Skills (Agriculture / Horticulture) provides entry level skills for those beginning a career in the primary industries.

This is a practical programme with most learning happening outside the classroom at local community gardens, marae, orchards and on the farm. You must be prepared to get your hands dirty and be able to complete physical work.

Location Various locations across Hawke's Bay and Tairāwhiti

Start Various start dates*

Length 14 weeks full-time

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* Go to eit.ac.nz for more information on locations and start dates.
For NZ Citizens and Permanent Residents



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Start your primary industry career

This 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. It is targeted at new or potential entrants into the primary sector including seasonal workers, career changers and those not yet engaged in education, employment or training.

Depending on what cohort you enrol in you could learn any of the following subject areas at an introductory level:

- Horticulture
- Fruit production
- Maara kai
- Fencing
- Farming
- Beekeeping
- Water quality
- Land ecology
- Natural earth building
- Forestry
- Re-vegetation

Career and study opportunities

As a graduate of this qualification you will have the skills and knowledge to obtain entry level roles in the primary sector, for example:

- Pruner
- Harvester
- Pack house hand
- Orchard worker
- Vineyard hand
- Assistant gardener
- Nursery worker
- Farm worker
- Beekeeper
- Forestry worker
- Re-vegetation project

Most learners choose to do further study at Level 3 and beyond before seeking employment opportunities.



NZ Certificate in Primary Industry Skills (Agriculture / Horticulture)

Level 2, 40 credits



Various locations



Full-time: 14 weeks



Fee:

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

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 8.30am-3.00pm, four (4) days per week, please enquire on enrolment as it is different at each venue.

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

Non-contact time

You should plan to spend 15 hours of individual study per week excluding scheduled classroom time. Each course in this programme requires independent learning outside of classroom hours.

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.

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.



2024 Key dates

Various starts dates throughout the year - please contact the Programme Administrator in your region.

	15-26 April
Semester breaks	1-19 July
	30 September-11 October

Assessments

At the end of this qualification you will take away a portfolio of work that you have completed. This will be an excellent resource for you to use in any future learning or to give to any potential employers.

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.

Programme information

The programme is made up of two compulsory courses.

Compulsory courses

- Safe Work Practices (10 credits)
- Introduction to Primary Industries (30 credits)

Course descriptions

NB: Offerings are subject to sufficient enrolments.

Course no.	Brief description	NZQA level	No. of credits
CPIS2.01	Safe Work Practices <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Locate hazards and describe safety procedures• Demonstrate safe work practices	2	10
CPIS2.02	Introduction to Primary Industries <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify a range of practical production tasks and processes• Demonstrate primary production tasks in a specified context• Explain and comply with a range of work place standards and requirements• Demonstrate effective communication, team work, problem solving and self-management skills	2	30



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 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 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 | 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.



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