

2025



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Enrol Now!

NZ Certificate in Primary Industry Skills

Orchard Skills

Level 2

Take your first step into the world of Horticulture!

Our course is designed to ignite your curiosity and equip you with the basic skills needed to make a start in this ever-expanding industry.

We will cover a range of skills to start you on your way including pruning, propagation, tree care, nursery production and much more.

With our connections in the industry we can also assist in helping you find employment. Will you take up the challenge?

Location	Tairāwhiti
Start	February
Length	14 weeks full-time
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For NZ Citizens and Permanent Residents



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Start growing your horticulture 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.

You will learn the following at an introductory level:

- Plant and tree care
- Fruit production
- Orchard maintenance
- Pruning
- Propagation
- Nursery production
- Working as a team
- Health and safety

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
- Orchard worker
- Vineyard hand
- Assistant gardener
- Nursery worker

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




NZ Certificate in Primary Industry Skills (Orchard Skills)

Level 2, 40 credits

 Tairāwhiti

 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 seven 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.

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.

2025 Key Dates

Programme Starts Monday, 10 February

Programme Ends Thursday, 22 May

Semester Breaks 14-25 April

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.

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

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
	Safe Work Practices		
CPIS2.01	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Locate hazards and describe safety procedures• Demonstrate safe work practices	2	10
	Introduction to Primary Industries		
CPIS2.02	<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.

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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