

2025



NZ Diploma in Horticulture Production

Post-harvest

Level 5

The NZ Diploma in Horticulture Production (Post-harvest) [Level 5] has been developed with industry to provide specialist technical skills and knowledge in the post harvest sector.

You will develop an overview of the management of all post harvest operations, this will prepare you for more senior management roles. You will learn about the individual topics, but also develop your confidence, management skills and self-awareness to become a better manager.

You will be given access to a range of resources and industry experts during the programme that will enhance your understanding and build on skills you may already have.

Location	Hawke's Bay
Start	July
Length	Two to four years part-time*
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* Classroom teaching occurs two days per week.
For NZ Citizens and Permanent Residents

Grow your career

As a graduate of the NZ Diploma in Horticulture Production (Post-harvest) [Level 5] you will be able to:

- Demonstrate the leadership and relationship management with team members and clients using a range of effective interpersonal skills relevant to the post harvest sector.
- Plan and manage post harvest operations to achieve production goals.
- Plan and manage post harvest quality standards and requirements.
- Understand quality standards and how physiology and storage can affect quality outcomes.
- Be able to manage an audit and manage inventory.
- Have an understanding of health and safety law and HACCP principles.
- Manage plant and machinery and optimize efficiency

Subject Areas

- Human resource management and leadership skills
- Quality control, auditing and planning
- Operational planning and management
- Market requirements, assurance and inventory management
- Physiology and storage
- Plant and machinery management
- Health and safety and HACCP

Career and Study Opportunities

This qualification may build on the NZ Certificate in Horticulture Production [Level 4].

Possible jobs and career opportunities can include:

- Production and Quality Control Manager
- Coolstore and Inventory Manager
- Packhouse Technical Manager and Operations Manager
- Logistics and Development Manager

Partnerships

The Horticulture Industry is working in collaboration with EIT to deliver the NZ Diploma in Horticulture Production (Post-harvest) [Level 5]. As a student you will receive specific training from industry experts and EIT lecturers that will provide you with the knowledge and skill to progress your career.

Study at Your Pace

This programme allows you to sign up for individual courses, so you can complete the programme at your own pace.



NZ Diploma in Horticulture Production (Post-harvest)

Level 5, 120 credits



Hawke's Bay



Part-time: 2-4 years



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



2025 Key Dates

Programme Starts Monday, 24 July

Programme Ends Friday, 26 June 2026

Semester Breaks
14 - 25 April
30 June - 18 July
22 September - 3 October

In order to coincide with pack-house seasonal calendars, teaching runs from July through to December.

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).

For a current timetable, please refer to eit.ac.nz/students/timetable or contact nhartley@eit.ac.nz.

Non-contact Time

You should plan to spend 10 hours of individual study per course per week including scheduled classroom time.

Entry Requirements

- A minimum of NCEA L2; or
- Successful completion of a Level 3 certificate or above, preferably in the Primary Industries subject area; or
- For applicants 20 years or older without any of the above academic criteria, evidence of relevant knowledge and experience, and the ability to undertake tertiary study at diploma level is required. In this case the applicant will be required to participate in an enrolment interview with the purpose of verifying the evidence.

In exceptional circumstances an applicant who does not meet the academic entry requirements may be granted entry to the NZ Diploma in Horticulture Production (Post-harvest) [Level 5] where they supply evidence to satisfy the Programme Coordinator of their ability to succeed on the programme.

English Language Entry Requirements

All applicants must have a level of English sufficient to be able to study at this level. Those applicants whose first language is not English should have an International English Language Testing System (IELTS) overall Academic score of at least 6.0 Academic or equivalent issued within the last two years.

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 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 Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL).

- 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 considered as credit toward your intended programme of study, as part of your application.

Applications for RPL for a course should be made prior to enrolment in that course and no later than two weeks after the start of the course.

For further information and enquiries about RPL, please contact the Programme Administrator, Natalie Hartley, on 06 830 1413 or nhartley@eit.ac.nz.

Assessments

Assessments include theoretical assignments and on-job collection of evidence relevant to your workplace and evidence portfolios.

Facilities

EIT has a range of student services available to ensure you are supported throughout your time with us such as, literacy and numeracy support, library support, academic support and Māori and Pasifika services.

Teaching is based at either the EIT Hastings Learning Centre or the Hawke's Bay Campus in Taradale.



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.

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

Name	Qualification
Chris Thorman <i>Programme Coordinator</i>	BSc (Agriculture) (Honours)
Steven Hartley	BA (Honours), DipHort, NZCertAdTT
Brian McLay	BAGSc

Programme Information

The programme is a total of 120 credits where the learning outcomes align with the Graduate and Qualification outcomes. The subjects are timetabled to align with the post-harvest calendar year so that you can relate activities in the classroom to tasks you are completing as part of your role.

Delivery is a combination of a blend and face-to-face workshops, tutorials, web enhanced learning with web supported resources and self-directed learning. Workshops and tutorials will include speakers from the industry that can provide information and real life examples that apply to the post-harvest sector.

Lectures are delivered between end July to mid December annually and require two (2) days attendance per week. On top of this, you will be required to complete assessment work both on-job and in your own time.

Course Descriptions

Course No.	Brief Description	NZQA Level	No. of Credits	Year Offered
HP5.04	The Safe Horticultural Business	5	15	2025
PH5.01	Quality Requirements and Post-harvest Physiology and Storage	5	15	2025
PH5.02	Quality Audit and Inventory Management	5	15	2025
PH5.03	Post-harvest Quality Control Plan	5	15	2025
HP5.03	Labour Management	5	15	2026
HP5.05	Leadership Qualities	5	15	2026
PH5.04	Efficiency Planning and Management of Plant and Machinery	5	15	2026
PH5.05	Develop a Post-harvest Operational Plan	5	15	2026

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 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](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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