

2026



NZ Diploma in Information Systems

Level 5

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All courses can be cross-credited into the second year of the Bachelor of Computing Systems degree.

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| Location | Hawke's Bay and Tairāwhiti |
| Start | February and July |
| Length | One year full-time* Part-time Study available* |
| Contact | Computing@eit.ac.nz 0800 23 55 348 |



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* Part-time study available For NZ Citizens and Permanent Residents

Gain high demand qualifications in IT

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Organisations and communities will benefit by having qualified IS professionals able to contribute to Information Systems operations and development in Aotearoa New Zealand, using skills and knowledge which are internationally relevant.

Subject Areas

- Information Systems
- UX and UI Fundamentals
- Introduction to Data Concepts
- Agile Projects
- Programming Fundamentals
- Website Development
- Computer Systems Architecture
- IT Concepts and Tools

Career and Study Opportunities

As a graduate of this qualification you will have the skills and knowledge to work in the IT industry in a range of entry level roles.

The scope of the qualification outcomes matches requirements for IT support roles at Tier 1.

This qualification can lead to positions in general business requiring broad knowledge of hardware, software and IS. However, the main purpose of the programme is to provide you with a platform for more advanced study in IT.

Your study pathway could progress onto the Bachelor of Computing Systems.

You're welcome to make an appointment to discuss your study options with our staff either in person or by phone and you can also arrange a visit to view our facilities.

EIT is proud of our relationship with local IT providers and employers, which ensures the continuing relevance of our courses, and leverages our qualifications and resources for the benefit of students, employers, and the region.



NZ Diploma in Information Systems Level 5, 120 credits



Hawke's Bay and Tairāwhiti



Full-time: 1 year
Part-time: equivalent



Fee: Visit [fees.eit.ac.nz](https://www.eit.ac.nz/fees) to see the fees for this programme

Timetable

Your study time will be made up of contact time (class times, tutorials, industry-based learning) as well as non-contact time (your own individual, self-directed study time).

For a current timetable, please refer to <https://www.eit.ac.nz/students/timetable/>

Contact Time

On campus classes are usually scheduled between 8.00am-5.00pm, Monday to Friday, in various configurations.

Non-contact Time

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

Additional Costs

- \$120 approximately for textbooks for some courses
- \$120 approximately per year for stationery

You are advised to purchase suitable equipment to sustain studies in the computer field, and BYOD is encouraged for use in class, though workstations are supplied for all laboratory work.

Entry Requirements

A personal interview may be part of the application process.

Applicants must meet one of the following criteria:

- University Entrance; or
- NCEA Level 3, with credits in mathematics, technology, science or related subjects, or
- NZ Certificate in Information Technology Essentials [Level 4]; [Ref: 2594], or
- NZ Certificate in Computing (Advanced User) [Level 4] {Ref 2593}, or
- An equivalent or more advanced qualification

Provisional Entry

A candidate who is 20 years of age or more and does not meet the academic entry requirements may be granted entry to the programme on the basis of a portfolio of evidence of their ability to succeed in the programme, and subject to an interview.

Other Requirements

Computer literacy is highly recommended in order to be able to cope with the digital components of the courses. Guidance and further details are provided in the application and enrolment information.



2026 Key Dates

Programme Starts: Starts: Monday, 16 February, 2026
Year ends: Friday, 27 November, 2026

Intake Two Starts: Monday, 20 July, 2026 Year ends:
Friday, 25 June, 2026

Semester Breaks 6 - 17 April 29 June - 17 July
28 September - 9 October

Applicants who are entering under the NCEA Level 3 or equivalent qualification requirement may be required to attend an interview to ensure that their background is sufficient to prepare them for the programme.

Special Entry

EIT may apply discretion to these regulations in exceptional circumstances.

Please Note: Entry to subsequent study is conditional on success at the entry level.

Selection Process

Applicants who have provided evidence of having met all entry requirements will be selected in order of application.

English Language Entry Requirements

All applicants must demonstrate an acceptable level of English language fluency prior to acceptance in the programme. For international students, ways in which English language fluency may be demonstrated include the following

- Successful study of a programme in which English was the language of instruction (conditions apply)
- Completion of a New Zealand Certificate in English Language (Level 5 with any endorsement)
- IELTS Academic score of 5.5, with no band score lower than 5.0, achieved in a single test within the two years preceding enrolment
- International equivalents to IELTS accepted by NZQA

Entry with Credit

You may already have some knowledge or skills which could be recognised and credited against your intended study programme, including study while at secondary school, study at a private training establishment, workplace training and experience, other tertiary study, life experience or voluntary work. If you think you may qualify, you should apply 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 have gained the relevant knowledge and skills through life experiences and informal learning situations.

As part of your application, you will need to provide sufficient details and corroboratory evidence, to support your request for academic credit towards your intended programme of study.

You must apply prior to enrolment. CC and RPL cannot be awarded for a course if you are already enrolled in that course. An original transcript or notice of results from the institute at which you previously studied (or verified copies) will be required for all applications.

For further information and enquiries about CC and RPL, Please contact: computing@eit.ac.nz or call 0800 23 55 348

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.

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.

Our lecturers are highly trained professionals with particular areas of expertise in information systems. Staff also maintain contact with other professionals through organisations such as the Institute of Information Technology Professionals.

| Name | Qualification |
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| Dr Noor Alani <i>Programme Coordinator</i> | PhD, MIT, BSc, NZCertAdTT, NZ Cert Learning Design, NZ Certificate Te Reo Māori |
| Hawke's Bay campus | |
| Dr Emre Erturk | PhD, MS, BA |
| Dr Daniel Dang | PhD |
| Istvan Lengyel | MIT, PgDipSc |
| Ian Purdon | BBS (Econ), DipBus (IS), PGDipIT |
| Karam Khokra | MSc, MIT(Computing), BSc, NZCertAdTT |
| John Jamieson | MIT, BTech (Info Tech), NDipIT |
| Tairāwhiti campus | |
| Dr Anastasia Mozhaeva | PhD, BEng (Hons), Meng, PGDipEd |
| Ian Allan | BCS |
| Neema Joseph | MTech in Electronics (Signal Processing), BTech in Electronics & Communication Engineering |
| Damith Wijewardana | MIT, BSc Eng. (Hons)(CSE) |

Facilities

In the state-of-the-art Information Technology Complex there are nine networked computer laboratories with between 24 and 30 work stations in each. The rooms are environmentally controlled, with data acquisition equipment in each room. There are specific labs for software development, hardware, multimedia and a project room. The facility also has a 50-seat tiered lecture theatre

Assessments

All assessments in the NZ Diploma in Information Systems [Level 5] courses are marked internally. Assessments include assignments, tests and practical demonstrations.

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

To complete the NZ Diploma in Information Systems [Level 5] qualification a student must pass all eight courses.

These courses are subject to change, please contact the Programme Administrator for an up to date course list.

EIT reserves the right to change timetables. Courses may be offered in different timeslots or cancelled if there is insufficient enrolment. Textbooks and/or equipment are required for several courses - these additional costs are not included in the course fees noted.

Commencing 16 February 2026

| Course No. | Course Title |
|------------|-------------------------------|
| ITIS5.450 | Information Systems |
| ITUX5.210 | UX and UI Fundamentals |
| ITDT5.228 | Introduction to Data Concepts |
| ITPM5.240 | Agile Projects |

Commencing 20 July 2026

| Course No. | Course Title |
|------------|-------------------------------|
| ITPF5.110 | Programming Fundamentals |
| ITWD5.130 | Website Development |
| ITCS5.100 | Computer Systems Architecture |
| ITCT5.120 | IT Concepts and Tools |

Course Descriptions

NB: Courses are offered subject to sufficient enrolments being received.

In the following descriptions: Pre-requisite = courses which must be studied before. Co-requisite = courses which can be studied before or at the same time.

The courses we are offering for the NZ Diploma in Information Systems [Level 5] in 2026 are as follows:

| Course No. | Brief Description | NZQA Level | No. of Credits |
|------------------|---|------------|----------------|
| ITIS5.450 | Information Systems To provide students with an economic and organisational context and the skills to identify requirements and suitable solutions in the application of Information Technologies and Systems. | 5 | 15 |
| ITUX5.210 | UX and UI Fundamentals To equip students with knowledge and skills to elicit requirements for human-computer interfaces, and to design, prototype, and evaluate user experiences and interface designs. | 5 | 15 |
| ITDT5.220 | Introduction to Data Concepts To provide students with fundamental knowledge and skills of the data concepts central to all Information Systems. | 5 | 15 |
| ITPM5.240 | Agile Projects To provide students with fundamental project management concepts and skills used in an IT context. | 5 | 15 |
| ITPF5.110 | Programming Fundamentals To provide students with the core knowledge and skills, using software development tools to create a working application to meet given requirements. | 5 | 15 |
| ITWD5.130 | Website Development To provide students with the knowledge and skills to create a static website which meets a specific client brief. | 5 | 15 |
| ITCS5.100 | Computer Systems Architecture This course provides students with the knowledge and skills required to successfully plan, construct, and maintain, a modern PC-based computer system, with emphasis placed on safe and effective industry practices. | 5 | 15 |
| ITCT5.120 | IT Concepts And Tools To provide students with the knowledge and skills of IT tools and concepts used within organisations, and their impact on business and professional communication practices. | 5 | 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 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 highflyer 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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For the latest information, or for full programme entry requirements visit eit.ac.nz or phone 0800 22 55 348.