

Trades- Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships - Hei tauira

As an apprentice you will work for, and learn from, an employer who will support you through your qualification as an apprentice. This is usually a very practical way of learning, sometimes you may need to complete block courses or evening courses to complement your NCEA level 4 qualification. Your apprenticeship may take between three and five years depending on the ITO and also your commitment to the theory paperwork side of things.

To be considered for an apprenticeship you need to be over the age of 16. NCEA level 2 English and Maths are useful, not always compulsory though so it is best to check with the ITO. A clean and full driver's licence is almost always a very good asset to have. You may also be eligible for fees free for the first two years.

If you think you may be interested in an apprenticeship, a good way to get a foot in the door is to find an after school job in that industry. This does two things; lets you try the job and makes sure that it is what you would like to do and secondly gives the employer a chance to see you at work.

Putting together a good CV to share with the ITO's or local businesses will be a good start. Please contact the Careers Department if you would like help with that.

Industry Training Organisations (ITO)

The ITO has the responsibility for setting standards and arranging the delivery of industry training for the sector it represents. There are currently 12 ITO's

BCITO Building and Construction Industry Training Organisation

Building, construction, flooring, masonry, glass and glazing, joinery, interior systems, and painting and decorating.

Careerforce- Community Support Services Industry Training Organisation Limited

Health and disability support, social and community support, cleaning, caretaking, and pest management.

Competenz-

Engineering, manufacturing, forestry, communications and media, maritime and rail transport, and other trades (locksmithing, fire protection, refrigeration , heating and air conditioning).

Connexis- Infrastructure Industry Training Organisation

Civil construction, electricity supply and transmission, water, and telecommunications.

HITO- New Zealand Hair and Beauty Industry Training Organisation Incorporated

Hairdressing, barbering and beauty.

MITO - Motor Industry Training Organisation

Automotive, commercial road transport and logistics, stevedoring and ports, freight forwarding and distribution, industrial textile fabrication, extractives and drilling, gas, protective coating, and resource recovery.

NZ MAC ITO- Boating Industries Association of New Zealand Incorporated

Boat building design and manufacturing, composite manufacturing, marine support services, and sail making.

Primary ITO- Primary Industry Training Organisation Incorporated

Agriculture, horticulture, sports turf, equine, dairy manufacturing, meat processing and seafood, and petrochemical, energy and chemical plants.

ServiceIQ- Service Skills Institute

Tourism, travel, retail, hospitality, museums, aviation and wholesale goods operations.

Skills Active Aotearoa-

Sports, fitness and recreation, snowsport and performing arts.

The Skills Organisation-

Plumbing, gas fitting, drainlaying, roofing, electrotechnology, real estate, financial services, local government, public sector (with some exclusions), security, contact centre, offender management, cranes and scaffolding, ambulance, emergency management, and fire Services.