

WHAT ARE YOU INTO?

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LAND A JOB YOU LOVE

There's nothing out there like New Zealand's primary sector and you could be earning and learning in a job you love before you know it. So find your place in this awesome space today!

You could be flying drones, climbing trees, protecting the environment or inventing new technology to feed the world – and that's just a small taste of what's on offer. There are so many opportunities for smart people to do practical, useful work.

When you land a trade in the primary sector you'll instantly start learning valuable skills, climbing the career ladder and putting money in your pocket to finance the things you're into.

You'll find a massive range of options, that keep on evolving as your interests change and grow. You could be on a farm, an orchard, on fishing vessels or sports fields, high tech process plants or production facilities. A career here can take you anywhere, working with amazing people into the same stuff as you.

So you could help save the world and feed it at the same time. You could be on a motorbike or forklift or looking down the microscope at a whole new way to boost bio security. Every day you'd be learning, earning and growing, so if you're after something more than just a job – this is the place for you.

Find your awesome career

Keen on working in the primary sector but not sure what's on offer? With plenty to choose our interactive career tool on our website can help you narrow it down.





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WHAT IS 'PRIMARY INDUSTRY'?

The primary industry uses our country's natural resources – land, plants and water.

In New Zealand, the world-class natural resources at our fingertips means the primary industry is the backbone of our economy.

At the heart of the industry is the secret to its success. Its people.

And that's where you come in. Join New Zealand's powerhouse industry and make a real difference.



THE PRIMARY INDUSTRY BRINGS **BILLIONS** TO NZ EVERY YEAR



GOVERNMENT WANTS **DOUBLE**
PRIMARY EXPORTS BY 2025

TO DO THIS THEY NEED **50,000**
MORE SKILLED PEOPLE – JUST
LIKE YOU!

NEW ZEALAND IS THE WORLD'S
LARGEST SHEEP AND DAIRY EXPORTER

NZ NEEDS **108** NEW DAIRY WORKERS
EVERY YEAR UNTIL 2031

HORTICULTURE NEEDS **8000** MORE
SKILLED WORKERS BY 2025

AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FOOD
GENERATE **44.6%** OF OUR OVERSEAS
TRADE AND EMPLOYS **11%** OF NZ'S
TOTAL WORKFORCE

66% OF THE HORTICULTURE
WORKFORCE NEEDS A FORMAL
POST-SCHOOL QUALIFICATION
BY 2025

OUR **BIGGEST** EXPORTS ARE:



MILK POWDER, BUTTER AND CHEESE



MEAT



FISH, CRUSTACEANS AND MOLLUSKS



WINE



FRUIT



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Primary ITO If you believe good food will help grow a better world, imagine being part of a great Kiwi dairy industry that creates and exports natural, nutritious products. That could be you, helping feed families, wherever they live.

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Primary ITO How amazing would it be to take your own creative ideas and let them loose on the big, wide world. With a career in landscaping you can imagine it and build it, turning your ideas into awesome spaces loads of people enjoy.

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Primary ITO If you get a buzz out of helping things grow and sharing the goodness, you could turn that into an amazing career in horticulture – making you, and a whole lot of hungry people, very, very happy.

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Primary ITO Imagine turning screen time into a real life, Triple A game? Dairy farming's a mean combination of technology and outdoor action and you could be in the middle of it, out on the farm - or at home on your laptop. Sweet.

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WHY CHOOSE A PRIMARY INDUSTRY CAREER?

Your **SKILLS** will always be in demand

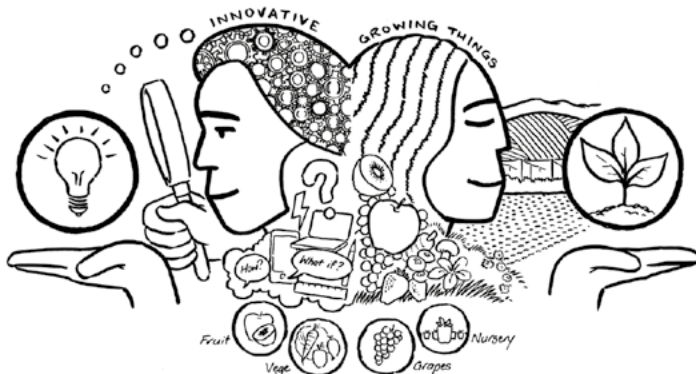
The **RANGE** of jobs is endless

Your **HUGE** range of skills will mean you
will enjoy **VARIETY** every day

There's the potential to **EARN A LOT**

Make a **DIFFERENCE** to New Zealand

You'll be responsible for **LOOKING AFTER** our
beautiful country





WHAT KIND OF QUALITIES DO I NEED?

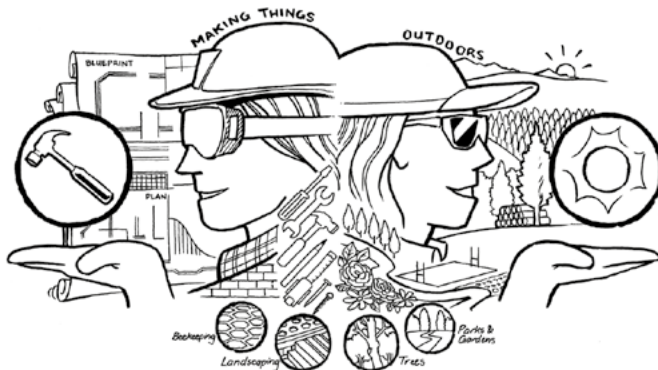
A **COMMITMENT** to learning

A **'CAN-DO'** attitude. **PATIENCE. ADAPTABILITY. PRACTICALITY.**

MOTIVATION. The ability to work **SOLO** and in a **TEAM**

Strong **COMMUNICATION SKILLS**

A true **LOVE** of the outdoors





HOW TO GET FROM SCHOOL TO A CAREER YOU'LL LOVE

– AT SCHOOL

- **Trades Academy**
- **Primary industry school programmes.**



– AFTER SCHOOL

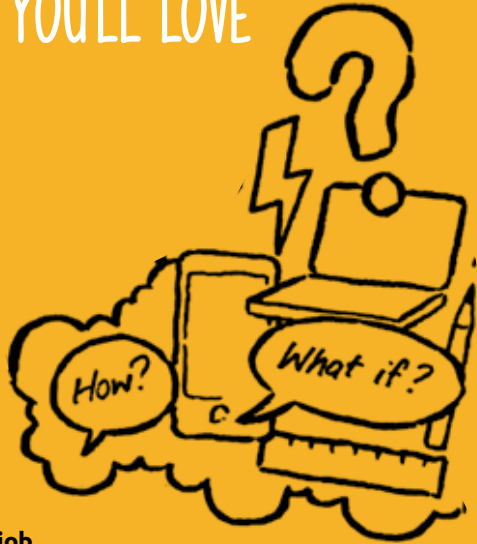
Once you've secured your first job, kickstart your career with Primary ITO's entry level qualifications.

Pre-employment qualification through a university or polytechnic



– REAL WORLD

Move up the ranks and step up to a manager or supervisor role with Primary ITO's higher level qualifications.



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Dairy farming career pathway

Why choose dairy farming?

Ever dreamed of working with animals? Keen to live in the country? Dairy farming could be right up your alley. There are around 11,500 dairy farms in New Zealand, milking almost 5 million. New Zealand's largest dairy company, Fonterra employs 22,000 people around the globe - proving that the dairy industry offers amazing opportunities for Kiwis Plus the number of dairy farms in New Zealand has increased over the last 10 years. There are great job opportunities and you'll never be stuck for work.

Job description

Farm Assistant is the first step in a dairy farming career. You'll get to have a go at all kinds of jobs.

Farm Assistant

QUALIFICATIONS

Level 2 Certificate

FOUNDATIONAL SKILLS

(REQUIREMENT FOR THE ROLE)

1. H&S

FORMAL LEARNING

(DEVELOPMENT FOR THE NEXT STEP)

1. Primary Industry Skills
2. Agriculture Level 3

Non-FORMAL LEARNING

(DEVELOPMENT FOR THE NEXT STEP)

1. Health and safety on-farm
2. Dairy shed software
3. Compliance on-farm
4. Employment agreement, roster

As a Herd Manager you'll take some responsibility for the day to day operation of part of the farm or one herd on the farm.

Herd Manager

QUALIFICATIONS

Level 3 Certificate

Level 4 Certificate

FOUNDATIONAL SKILLS

(REQUIREMENT FOR THE ROLE)

1. Milk quality management
2. Livestock management
3. Dairy farm effluent proficiency

FORMAL LEARNING

(DEVELOPMENT FOR THE NEXT STEP)

1. Milk Quality Stage Two
2. Livestock Husbandry
3. Pastoral Livestock Production
4. Dealing with dairy farm effluent
5. Dairy Farming (Level 4)
6. Train the Trainer
7. First Aid Training



As a Senior Herd Manager you're moving up the ranks and you'll assist with the day to day management of the farm.

Assistant Manager

(Production Manager/ 2IC/
Senior Herd Manager)

QUALIFICATIONS

- Level 3 Certificate
- Level 4 Certificate

FOUNDATIONAL SKILLS (REQUIREMENT FOR THE ROLE)

1. Milk quality management
2. Livestock management
3. Dairy farm effluent proficiency

FORMAL LEARNING (DEVELOPMENT FOR THE NEXT STEP)

1. Milk Quality Stage Two
2. Pastoral Livestock Production
3. Effluent management planning
4. Dairy Farming (Level 4)
5. Train the Trainer
6. First Aid Training

As Farm Manager, you'll be responsible for meeting farm goals.

Farm Manager/ Business Operations Manager

(Sharemilker/ Farm Owner/
Equity Partner)

QUALIFICATIONS

- Level 5 Certificate and
- Level 5 Diploma

FOUNDATIONAL SKILLS (REQUIREMENT FOR THE ROLE)

1. Leadership and Resilience
2. Environmental management

FORMAL LEARNING (DEVELOPMENT FOR THE NEXT STEP)

1. Production Management
2. Primary Industry Business
Management Diploma

AGRICULTURE



Sheep and Beef farming career pathway

Why choose sheep and beef?

There are around 25,000 sheep and beef farms in New Zealand. That's about 27.4 million sheep and 3.6 million beef cattle. Beef cattle farming is usually carried out alongside sheep farming too. New Zealand has a sophisticated meat industry that produces outstanding and naturally raised meat. We export around 80% of our sheep and beef meat to countries like the USA, Korea, Japan, Taiwan, and China. Meat was worth NZ\$6.2 billion in exports to New Zealand last year.

Job description

You'll assist the farm owner or manager with day-to-day operational tasks on farm including animal handling, animal health and welfare and vehicles. Every day is different!

Farm Hand

When you have at least two years on-farm experience, you'll be able to work with limited supervision. You'll be completing and often taking responsibility for day-to-day tasks on farm. As your experience grows, you'll require less instruction and be able to react when required.

Shepherd/Stockperson

You'll develop, implement and monitor farm plans for livestock health, breeding and benchmark stock performance. You'll also produce day to day management reports, manage Shepherds and make improvement recommendations.

Stock/Block Manager

TRAINING

Industry Standard Programme

- L2 Industry Skills.
- L3 Operational Skills.
- L3 Sheep, Beef or Deer Husbandry.
- Drivers License Classes 1 & 6.
- Firearms License.
- First Aid.

Industry Standard Programme

Junior Shepherd/Farmhand PLUS

- L3 Pastoral Livestock Production.

Industry Standard Programme

Shepherd PLUS

- L3 Introduction to Team Leadership
- L4 Sheep and/or Beef (Breeding or Non-Breeding).
- Drivers License Class 2.
- First Aid.



You'll be responsible for meeting farm goals, including all aspects of production, stock, environmental and staff management. You will also be involved with the budgeting process.

Farm Manager

Industry Standard Programme
Stock/Block Manager PLUS

- L5 Production Management.
- L5 Diploma in Primary Industry Business Management

You're responsible for managing the farm, making decisions and formulating all the farm plans and policies. You'll set the plans and then monitor your team to make sure they deliver the results.

Business/ Operations Manager

Industry Standard Programme
Farm Manager PLUS

- L5 Diploma in Primary Industry Business Management (full list of modules at primarytodiploma.co.nz)

Did you know?

One of the exciting things about working on a sheep and beef farm is that once you gain the skills you can have your very own team of dogs! This can give you independence and if you prove yourself, more responsibility.



Pork Industry careers

Why choose the pork industry?

New Zealand produces 47 thousand tonnes of pork from a swine herd of 274 thousand pigs.

Farming pigs is unique from farming other domesticated animals like sheep and cattle, as they have a greater need for shelter and have more complex social and dietary requirements.

They need distinct feed and do not have wool or fur to keep them warm in the colder months. To look after pigs properly farmers need to ensure that pigs are sheltered from the weather, they're kept well fed on a balanced diet, and that their health and welfare is well provided for and regularly checked – especially sows and piglets.

From the safe handling of pigs, to feeding and nutrition, right through to genetics and breeding programmes – you'll learn the skills to be a key part of your team.

Job description

You will be able to operate as a stockperson in a pork production unit and can progress to roles such as a section manager, with responsibility for one section within a pork production unit, with varying responsibilities depending on farm structure. You can also choose strands in reproduction, which can lead into careers in husbandry.

You will be able to work as a section manager or head of department with responsibility for one section, within a pork production unit, with varying responsibilities depending on farm structure. You may be responsible for running a mini farrow-to-finish farm, or, within a large operation, one specialist section (e.g. weaning, farrowing, dry sow, grower).

Stockperson

Section manager / Head of department

QUALIFICATION

New Zealand Certificate in Pork Production (Level 3) with an optional strand in Reproduction

New Zealand Certificate in Pork Production (Section Management) (Level 4)



Poultry Industry careers

Why choose the poultry industry?

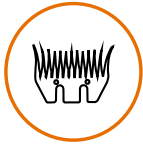
New Zealand's poultry industry is a phenomenon. In the past 50 years, the meat has gone from an occasional treat to an everyday meal staple.

We now consume, on average, an amount equivalent to 20 chickens a year, each. In the past decade we have increased our yearly intake by about 8kg per person. And that's expected to keep climbing.

Training in the poultry industry

We cover the lot – from safe handling and biosecurity to nutrition and quality control. Our courses will help you up skill and progress further, wherever you are in your career.





Wool Harvesting

Why choose wool harvesting?

The process of growing wool – naturally, on the back of sheep – has stayed pretty much the same for 10,000 years. But the complexity and versatility of wool's unique fibres have led to an amazingly broad range of uses, from clothing and carpets to health and safety. In the same way that it protects the sheep, wool is one of the most effective forms of all-weather protection known. New Zealand is the second largest producer of wool in the world.⁴

Sector descriptions

Shearing is usually done with machines rather than blades. New Zealand champion shearers, who are among the most efficient in the world, are elite athletes.

Shearing

Introduction to the Woolshed
(Micro-credential)
(Level 2)

Learner Shearer
(Micro-credential)
(Level 2)

Wool handlers pick up fleeces from shorn sheep and separate and remove short wool from fleeces. They prepare wool for sale by separating it into different grades or lines and keep the board tidy.

Wool handling

Learner Wool Handler
(Micro-credential) (Level 2)

This is one of the most demanding physical activities in the woolshed. The job involves having to pen hundreds of animals and tramp and press a few thousand kilos of wool per day. A wool presser's main tool is the wool press.

Wool pressing

Diploma in Primary Industry
Business Management
(Level 5)

⁴ Wool in Schools. "About Wool". Retrieved 10 November 2015 from www.woolinschools.nz/about-wool



HORTICULTURE



Horticulture careers

Why choose horticulture?

The horticulture sector has a diverse range of roles both on and off the orchard, farm and vineyard. If you love growing things and enjoy the outdoors, a career in horticulture could be for you.

Production horticulture

New Zealand's climate means we can produce a range of fruit and vegetables. Our biggest exports are kiwifruit and wine.

We also grow avocados, pears, apricots, apples, berryfruit, nectarines, asparagus, tomatoes and sweet corn. The list is endless!

Job description

As a worker in the horticulture industry, your tasks will vary depending on the industry you work in.

Horticulture
Worker

At an intermediate level you'll have more in-depth knowledge and skills of the industry you work in.

Intermediate/
Experienced

As a supervisor you'll build and develop your skills.

Leading Hand/
Supervisor

Primary ITO qualifications

NZ Certificate in Horticulture:

- L1 (Practical)
- L2 (Introductory)

NZ Certificate in Horticulture (Level 3) with optional strands

NZ Certificate in Horticulture Services (Level 4) and NZ Certificate in Horticulture Production (Level 4)



Horticultural services

Horticulture also involves caring for and enhancing our environment. You could maintain and care for botanical gardens, parks, reserves and recreational spaces. Or you could get involved in landscaping; shaping and designing landscapes through plants and design. Arboriculture is caring for trees – planting, pruning and diagnosing and treating tree diseases. Work as a professional tree climber!

In a management role you'll have responsibility.

**Orchard/Crop
Manager/ Production
Manager**

Now you own your own business or you're the general manager. Congratulations! You have overall management responsibilities for the whole business.

**Owner/General
Manager**

Diploma in Primary
Industry Business
Management

Diploma in Horticulture
(Post Harvest)

Horticulture sectors:

Production Horticulture

- Fruit Production
- Nursery Production
- Postharvest
- Vegetable Production
- Viticulture
- Indoor crop Production (glasshouses)

Horticultural Services

- Amenity Horticulture
- Arboriculture
- Floristry
- Landscape Construction

SPORTS TURF



Sports Turf careers

Why choose the sports turf industry?

Think of activities and sports that are played on turf – rugby, cricket, golf, horse-racing, hockey, soccer, touch and bowls – and you'll realise the importance of highly skilled sports turf specialists who keep the turf in peak condition. If you love sport and have an interest in horticulture, a sports turf career could suit you down to the ground.



Introductory

Trade

Management

Primary ITO qualifications

NZ Certificate in Horticulture (Level 3) with a strand in Sports Turf

NZ Certificate in Horticulture Services (Level 4) with a strand in Sports Turf

EQUINE



Equine careers

Why choose the equine industry?

From the glamorous occupation of a jockey to the behind-the-scenes efforts of stable hands, the equine industry is made up of lots of roles. If you have a passion for horses, and possess the drive and motivation then gallop towards this exciting career!



Sector descriptions

New Zealand has a proud tradition of producing champion jockeys. You could also work as a stable hand, or a track rider.

Thoroughbred
Racing

You need start out as a stable hand and work your way up to becoming a driver.

Harness
Racing

When you first start out at a stud farm, you'll need to work your way up the ranks.

Breeding

You'll prepare and maintain the race track and grounds. You'll also monitor and police the entry of horses onto the track.

Racecourse
Maintenance

FOOD PROCESSING



Meat Processing careers

Why choose the meat processing industry ?

Help to get food on the table for people in New Zealand and around the world! Our meat processing industry is a world leader, and there are over 50 meat processing plants around the country. Within each organisation there is a high level of production, stringent hygiene and safety standards and a commitment to deliver the highest-quality products to local and export markets.

Careers in the industry offer good pay and great promotional prospects with in-house training and educational opportunities. The meat industry earns over 13% of New Zealand's exports and employs over 30,000 people.

Processing worker

You'll perform a wide range of tasks including handling, slaughtering and processing livestock, operating processing and rendering equipment, packing and dispatching product. Some jobs may include:

- Managing animals before they are slaughtered
- Stunning and slaughtering of cattle
- Processing hides and pelts
- Breaking and boning of carcasses
- Trimming and packaging product
- Loading and dispatching product.

Management and Supervisory staff

You'll have responsibility for all facets of the business operation. You'll run various aspects of the company operations and have a background in finance, management, human resources, quality and often technical skills in processing, engineering and accounting.

Quality Manager

Quality assurance staff are responsible for coordinating and promoting quality systems and customer service developments. Quality improvement is central to the industry's long term strategic aims.



Production Manager

A production manager is involved with planning, coordination and control of manufacturing processes. You'll ensure that goods and services are produced efficiently and that the correct amount is produced at the right cost and level of quality.

Human Resources

You'll maintain and enhance the organisation's human resources by planning, implementing and evaluating employee's relations and human resources policies, programs and practices. Such staff are involved with recruitment, selection, training and development as well as general employee administration like wages, occupational health and safety, welfare and superannuation.

Health and Safety Coordinator

You'll manage activities designed to reduce the risk of accident/incidents and will be responsible for overseeing the implementation of the Health and Safety Policy.

Training Coordinator

You'll assess training needs for new and existing employees, ensure compliance and development training needs are met and maintain employee training records and training databases.

Engineering and Electrical Technicians

You'll support and direct plant maintenance and service as well as the installation of the technology systems used in manufacturing plants.



Dairy Processing careers

Why choose the dairy processing industry?

Work in dairy processing and be a major cog in the wheel! You'll help to process dairy products – from milk powder to cheese, yoghurt and ice cream. Today dairy manufacturing is a sophisticated process carried out in modern high technology plants.

We have a range of qualifications available in the dairy manufacturing industry – from entry level through to management to help you move up the career ladder faster.

Operation technologists

You'll run plants to supply services like steam, electricity, water and also control the manufacture of a wide range of dairy based products.

Laboratory technologists

These are subject experts who often have degree or post graduate qualifications and are either in managerial or technical support roles.

IT Technicians

You'll be involved in the support process for the production control and other on line information systems used in companies.

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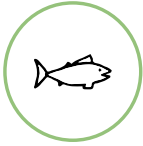
Engineering, Automotive and Electrical Technicians

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Heavy Transport Operators

You'll be responsible for the collection of milk and its safe delivery to and between manufacturing sites.

SEAFOOD



Seafood careers

Why choose the seafood industry?

Love fishing after school or in the weekends? Here's your chance to go fishing every day! As well as fishing, you could work in aquaculture – farming mussels, oysters and salmon.

Seafood Processing

What happens after the fishermen catch the fish and bring it to shore? Processing is the next part of the story – whether it's preparing whole fish for market, filleting fish for export or making food products such as fish fingers, processing is all about preparation for sale. New Zealand is home to highly skilled fish filleters and shellfish shuckers. These skills are honed by practice, often on the job in a processing role.

Vessel Operations

Vessels harvest wild fish and are also used in aquaculture operations like mussel farms. The range in size from small vessels fishing inshore waters to large vessels that fish all around New Zealand and far away oceans like the Antarctic. They may have 2 crew or 40 and onboard you will learn a wide range of skills.

Wholesale and Retail

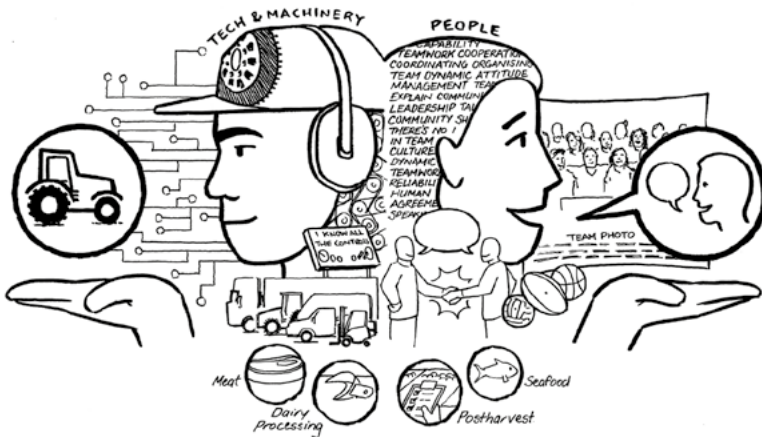
More than 80% of New Zealanders eat seafood at least once a month and almost 50% eat it once a week⁵. If you work in the wholesale and retail sector you deal directly with the customer, so you need to know a lot about the seafood product you're handling and selling. Wholesale and retail includes seafood outlets, fish and chip shops and supermarket seafood counters.

⁵ Seafood New Zealand. "Key Facts". Retrieved 16 September 2014 from www.seafoodnewzealand.org.nz/our-industry/key-facts/



FIND A GREAT CAREER

Keen on working in the primary sector but not sure what's on offer? With plenty to choose from we can help you narrow it down. Visit primaryito.ac.nz/find-a-great-career to use our interactive tool and match the things that you enjoy or that are important to you with a career. Get started now!



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For careers information and advice visit careers.govt.nz



Get qualified with Primary ITO

Are you keen to explore a primary industry career but not sure which path to follow? Our Trades Academy will give you a taste of everything to help you decide. We have two models of delivery in our Trades Academy.

Primary Industry Sector Trades Academies

If you're in Year 11 or 12 and interested in working in the primary industries when you leave school, then Trades Academy could be for you.

You can combine your NCEA studies with a NZ Certificate in Primary Industry Skills (Level 2) through a mix of classroom study and on-job learning. It's taught in school by your primary industries (you may call them agriculture or horticulture) teachers. You'll get to go on field trips in Year 11, and then spend one day a week working in the industry in Year 12. We can match you to businesses in the industry that will equip you with the right skills for a future in the primary industries.

Our Tutor-Led Programme

Our tutor-led programme is available to Year 11, 12, and 13 students. You'll learn practical skills and theory with our qualified industry tutors on selected farms, while gaining valuable industry and career advice. Programmes run 1 day per week over a minimum of 33 weeks during terms 1 – 4. The practical delivery finishes in October, leaving November for you to focus on exams. In this programme you'll gain credits towards your NCEA qualifications.

If you're enthusiastic about working in the primary industries, love being outdoors around animals or plants, are reliable, on time and have a good school attendance record, and are keen motivated and ready to learn, we are looking for you! Ask your school if Trades Academy is available, and if it's not, get in touch with our Schools Team.

What will you get out of it?

By the end of your study through our Trades Academy programmes, you will have a combination of practical skills and theoretical knowledge so you can make informed decisions about your career options in the primary sector. You will have the skills and knowledge to get an entry level role in the primary sector, for example, stable assistance, stud groom, relief milker, or general farm hand. Once you're ready to enter the workforce, you may lead onto a range of primary sector qualifications, to help you advance through your career. You can find out more about the specific learning outcomes by getting in touch with our Schools Team. The contact details are at the back of this career guide.

GATEWAY PACKAGES

Primary ITO Gateway Packages include theory learning and practical application. The theory learning is done in the classroom, is unit standard based with learning support and is reinforced with industry work experience.

Primary ITO offers the following services:

- Comprehensive learning and resource packages for school students
- Assessing theory and practical unit standards once completed
- Assisting schools with the consent to assess processes
- Connecting schools with local employers
- Assisting with industry placements
- Marking assessments
- Helping students make career decisions

Who should undertake Primary ITO Gateway Programmes?

The primary industry provides a variety of exciting career opportunities.

Students wishing to participate in a programme should:

- Have a serious interest in exploring a career in the industry
- Be physically fit, mature and able to follow instructions
- Be work-ready
- Have appropriate literacy and numeracy skills
- Have a desire to work in primary industries – rain, hail or shine.

Primary ITO Gateway Packages are made up of theory and practical unit standards that are between Levels 1 and 3. Primary ITO recommends that Gateway Packages are used for students in their final year(s) of school (e.g. Year 12-13). By the end of the Gateway programme, students will have learnt the fundamental skills that will equip them to embark on a career in the primary industries. This can include skills in amenity horticulture, fruit production, nursery production, viticulture, wool handling, shearing, sheep, cattle and deer farming, fencing, and dairy farming. To find out more about the specific skills that are taught on our gateway programmes, get in touch with us on gateway@primaryito.ac.nz or calling us on 0800 20 80 20.

TEACHING ASSESSMENT RESOURCES (FOR TEACHERS)

If you have consent to assess, or want to apply for consent to assess, get in touch with our Schools Team today.

You can buy Primary ITO resources to assist with your teaching, learning and assessment in the primary industries.

If you have any questions, have a chat with our Schools Team to find out more. You can email schools@primaryito.ac.nz or call us on 0800 20 80 20

STAR COURSES (FOR TEACHERS)

Schools can use their STAR funding to access customised short training courses based on Primary ITO single unit standards or specific Primary Industry skills and knowledge. If your school is interested in these courses, please contact our School Team to discuss the options available for your school.

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