


Carpentry





Ryol

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 Senior Apprentice

The only subject Ryol really enjoyed at school was woodworking. So, when he finished Year 12, he enrolled in WelTec's Level 3 Carpentry programme, where he was able to work with his hands every day.

"It was a really good stepping-stone from high school to full-time work." Classes were 9am to 3pm, Monday through to Thursday, and tutors were always available to help guide them in the right direction.

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Class time was hands-on. They learnt all the basics of being an apprentice, in an environment that replicated a real work site—like how to cut straight and use the tools properly. It was a friend from class that helped Ryol get a job at NZ Proud.

Now, after only being at NZ Proud for a short time, Ryol is a Senior Apprentice. He loves being able to work on residential properties, as it means he's working in a small team where he can learn a lot, plus the clients are always really grateful.

'It was a really good stepping-stone from high school to full-time work. We were in class from nine to three, four days a week. You get out everything you put in, so as long as you apply yourself, you're good.'

"Every day is different. We do everything from the foundations to the finishing touches, which gives me a wide range of experience. My favourite thing to do is the finishing touches, like skirting boards and handrails, as you have to be very precise."

Ryol loves being able to step back at the end of the day and see all they've accomplished. He plans to stay at NZ Proud while he becomes qualified.

To anyone interested in studying Carpentry at WelTec, Ryol says, "Just do it. It can take some time, but as long as you're willing to learn and apply yourself, your skills will develop."

Follow the QR code below to read the full story.





Māori and Pasifika Trades Training

Ākongā Māori and Pacific looking to learn a trade can apply for a Māori and Pasifika Trades Training (MPTT) scholarship to cover full fees and course-related costs.

Tautoko while studying

Māori and Pasifika Trades Training scholarship students are supported by both Te Pūkenga - Whitireia and Te Pūkenga - WelTec through the Tamaiti Whāngai team.

The Tamaiti Whāngai team will support you with mentoring, goal setting, pastoral and cultural support. You'll have the opportunity to get your drivers license, site safe, and first aid certificates. The dedicated Tamaiti Whāngai Job Brokers have close links with employers and industry and will assist you to find an apprenticeship and/or employment.

Programmes where you can get a Māori and Pasifika Trades Training scholarship include - Automotive, Bakery, Collision Repair, Construction, Electrical Engineering, Hairdressing, Makeup and Skincare, Mechanical Engineering, Plumbing, Gasfitting and Drainlaying, Painting and Decorating, and Tiling.

Job Brokers

Our Tamaiti Whāngai Job Brokers have close with employers and have information of available jobs for MPTT ākongā.

We thank our iwi partners, Te Rūnanga o Te Āti Awa and Ngāti Toa Rangatira as well as our Pasifika partner, Mafutaga Faifeau Samoa for the support they provide to our Māori and Pasifika Trades Training scholarship students.

Scholarship criteria

You need to meet the entry criteria for the programme you are enrolling in and be:

- of Māori or Pacific decent
- 16-40 years old at the start of your study
- a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident
- able to meet the entry requirements for your programme

We want you to be passionate and show that you are motivated to succeed.

Get in touch

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Job Brokers Tui and Tame

WelTec students building skills, homes and futures

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Four Whanganui families will soon get the keys to new homes in Harper Street and Puriri Street that were built for them by Wellington Institute of Technology (WelTec) students preparing for jobs in the construction industry.

The four homes were built on campus in Porirua and Petone by students completing the New Zealand Certificate in Construction Trade Skills (Level 3).

Head of the WelTec School of Construction and Engineering Neil McDonald says the purpose of the qualification is to provide the construction sector with work-ready people with transferable skills and the knowledge to enter the industry as apprentices.

Up to 20 ākonga (students) worked on each home for four days a week, for about 30 weeks. They were responsible for building all aspects of the homes, from the floor and wall framing to erecting the roof trusses and installing the insulation and plasterboard linings.

The light timber-frame homes were then transported to Whanganui where they are now ready for families to move into.

Kāinga Ora Regional Director for Taranaki, Whanganui and Manawatū, Graeme Broderick, says it is rewarding to see the hard work of so many students reach this milestone.

“We believe these homes are a win-win for everyone. Families in need get a well-built home, communities get an increase in the number of qualified tradespeople, and students get real-world skills building an actual house under supervision.”

“The relationship Kāinga Ora has with the Institutes of Technology and Polytechnics provide students with a career pathway and a sense of optimism. These students are leaving a lasting legacy by delivering quality homes where there is a need,” says Broderick.

Neil McDonald agrees there are many benefits to this relationship.

“Ākonga realise the value and purpose of the trade skills they are learning and putting into practice on a real commercial building project. They also develop a sense of responsibility and pride for helping to provide warm, safe, dry, quiet, modern homes for families to live in.”

“Building a home from scratch that is guaranteed to last for probably their whole lifetime is a tangible thing they can be proud of for years to come.”

This article was first published by Kāinga Ora - Homes and Communities. View the original article here. https://kaingaora.govt.nz/en_NZ/news/weltec-students-building-skills-homes-and-futures/

New Zealand Certificate in Foundation Skills (Level 2) – Trades Skills for Industries pathway (Construction and Infrastructure)

📖	Level 2
🕒	17 weeks, full-time
📅	07 Jul 2025 (Porirua)
💰	FREE

- Painter
- Plumber
- Electrician

Entry requirements

Open entry

Sample a range of skills within the construction industries while gaining career, study, and employment skills at the same time. Students can get introductory skills in carpentry, painting, plumbing, and electrical trades. Learn how to safely use and maintain tools, perform calculations, and choose materials to complete projects. After completing this programme, students can then go on to study their trade of choice.

[Programme Handbook](#)



What you will learn

Work on real projects to gain the skills needed to work in an entry-level position in a construction industry.

- Learn about Carpentry, Painting, Plumbing, and Electrical work
- Learn how to safely use and maintain trade tools and equipment
- Learn how to read and interpret technical manuals and instructions
- Perform trade calculations
- Understand Health and Safety protocols
- Learn about materials, assembly, and fastening techniques

Career options

This programme provides a great start for a construction career and is a good way to prepare for an apprenticeship. You can specialise with further study options.

- Carpenter

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