



## New Zealand Certificate in Carpentry (Level 4)



Location Dunedin and Central  
Duration Three and a half to four years

Level 4  
Start Flexible  
Apply Now

**Fee:** Average cost of \$600 (incl. GST) per year. The regional apprenticeship scheme is competitively priced and you will never pay more than \$2,400 (approx.) across the four years of your apprenticeship. There are no hidden or additional costs.

[Compulsory student levy >](#)  
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\*Fees are approximate, subject to change and exchange rates

### Carpentry apprenticeships (ITAB)

Want to become a carpenter, site supervisor, building project manager, construction firm owner or self-employed builder?

Learn from professionals and gain sought after skills with a carpentry apprenticeship pathway brought to you by Otago Polytechnic and Industry Training Association Building (ITAB). This apprenticeship option allows you to work in the construction industry as an employee under the supervision of someone who is prepared to train you. It addresses industry standards and provides learners with the full support of regional coordinators.

At the completion of your apprenticeship - which allows you to earn while you learn - you will achieve a respected and in demand qualification, the New Zealand Certificate in Carpentry (Level 4). This qualification is a gateway qualification to becoming a Licensed Building Practitioner (LBP) and will be awarded to you by Otago Polytechnic.

#### Apprenticeship benefits

Apprentices can also gain ITAB membership which offers additional benefits like discount vouchers, awards, competitions and scholarships.

For more information on ITAB member discounts including savings on clothing and electronics and much more visit <https://www.itab.co.nz/itab-benefits/>

#### Entry requirements

> You must have sourced your own employment as an apprentice in the construction industry.

If English is not your first language, you must provide:

- > New Zealand University Entrance OR
- > Overall Academic IELTS 5.5 with no individual band score lower than 5.0 (achieved in one test completed in the last two years), OR
- > Acceptable alternative evidence of the required IELTS (see here for NZQA proficiency table and here for list of recognised proficiency tests).

If you need to improve your English Language skills, we offer a wide range of English programmes.

## Your workload

You will undertake three block courses in Year One and Year Two. You will also undertake two block courses in your third year. There are no block courses during your fourth year (unless you have missed previous block courses and then the fourth year gives you a chance to attend these and catch up).

## Practical Record of Work - (Paper or e-Portfolio)

The Otago Polytechnic ITAB app is a tool that can be used by carpentry apprentices to capture the notes, images, dates and locations of their on-site practical work for assessment. Download the app here:

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/otago-polytechnic-itab/id1191180815?ls=1&mt=8>

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=nz.co.otagopolytechnicapp.app&hl=en>

## Block course scholarships

If you need to attend block courses, live outside Dunedin or Cromwell and require assistance with travel and accommodation, you may be entitled to assistance under the Apprenticeship Scholarship Trust. For more information on this, please visit <https://www.itab.co.nz/grant-application-form/>

## New Zealand Carpentry Apprentice Challenge

Once a year, Otago Polytechnic holds a regional carpentry apprentice challenge. The winner of the regional competition gets to compete at the New Zealand Carpentry Apprentice Challenge, held each year at the national Certified Builders Conference.

## Further study options

The apprenticeship scheme will prepare you for full-time employment in the construction industry. Alternatively, you may wish to complete a further qualification and the New Zealand Diploma in Construction (Level 6) (Construction Management), (Quantity Surveying) or Bachelor of Construction\* provides the perfect study option!

\*subject to final approval

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