



Level 4 Fruit Production (industry-based)



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| Location | Online and in your workplace |
| Duration | Two to three years part-time |

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| Credits | 90 |
| Level | 4 |
| Start | Anytime |
| Apply | Anytime |

Further develop the fundamental skills and knowledge required of horticulturists in orchards or vineyards while you work.

A 50/50 mix of theoretical and practical studies, this programme is for domestic students only and you must be employed within the fruit production or viticulture industry to undertake it.

It provides the perfect opportunity for you to upskill via supported online learning and block courses at the Central Campus whilst using your workplace as a setting to practice your developing skills.

Employment opportunities are extremely diverse in this industry and, with motivation and hard work, you may find yourself working as an irrigation technician, fruit grower, vineyard supervisor or even at the head of your own business. This qualification will help you make the next step up within your workplace.

Successful graduates will receive the New Zealand Certificate in Horticulture Production (**Level 4**) (Fruit Production).

Skills required

- > An enjoyment of working outdoors
- > Physical fitness
- > Planning and organisational skills
- > Good communication skills
- > An eye for detail.

Entry requirements

- > Open entry.
- > This programme is not available to international students.
- > 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

Domestic fee: Free - normally \$5,178!

Due to the Government's Targeted Training and Apprenticeship Fund.

- > You will need a laptop/device to study this programme online which isn't covered by this fund.
- > You can pay for this yourself or apply for a student loan via Studylink.

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*Fees are approximate, subject to change and exchange rates

- > 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.

You will study

This programme is based in your workplace with regular visits and support from your programme facilitator. You will also have the opportunity to attend some block courses at the Central Campus. You will build your experience and knowledge of the techniques required to grow commercial fruit or wine grapes. In addition to the compulsory courses listed below, you will have the option of choosing Viticulture Canopy Management (15 credits) or Orchard Canopy Management (15 credits) elective courses.

- > Soils and Water (15 credits)
- > Plant Science (15 credits)
- > Seasonal Tasks (10 credits)
- > Pests, Weeds and Agrichemicals (15 credits)
- > Machinery, Tools and Equipment (10 credits)
- > Communication (10 credits)
- > Orchard Canopy Management (15 credits) - *Elective*
- > Viticulture Canopy Management (15 credits) - *Elective*

Your workload

You should expect to spend a minimum of 10 hours a week on this programme.

Further study options

Advance your knowledge with our Level 5 Fruit Production programme.

Student loans with TTAF

The Trades and Apprenticeship Fund (TTAF) covers tuition fees and compulsory costs such as student levies.

You also need a laptop or device to study this programme online. **The fund will not cover this cost.** You can either pay for this yourself or apply for a student loan (course-related cost component) through Studylink.

It is important to apply for your student loan/allowance at the same time as you apply for this programme, due to the length of time Studylink take to process. Loan/allowance applications can be cancelled at any time if you decide to withdraw your programme application or if it is unsuccessful.

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