



# New Zealand Certificate in Land Based Sustainability Practices (Level 3)



Location Online  
Duration 13 weeks full-time; part-time not available

Credits 40  
Level 3  
Start February and July 2022  
Apply Until start date

**Domestic fee:** Free - normally \$2,369!

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.

This programme is **not** available for international students.

\*Fees are approximate, subject to change and exchange rates

## Already keen on conserving our environment?

Learn to identify and apply sustainable practices associated with water, riparian margins, native plants, composting and conservation.

This programme is the ideal way to develop your sustainable practice to gain a better understanding of sustainable development in a land-based context...online! Within an interactive community of learners, you'll be encouraged to share your growing experiences while gaining a range of practical and theoretical skills.

The demand for people with skills in sustainability is steadily increasing and this qualification may lead to job opportunities in orchards and nurseries. With motivation and hard work, you may set your sights on self-employment or use this qualification as a springboard into further study.

### Entry requirements

- > Open entry.
- > This programme is not available for international students.
- > If English is not your first language, you must provide:
  - > New Zealand University Entrance OR
  - > Overall Academic IELTS 5.0 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.

### Additional costs

You will need a laptop/computer and to have access to the internet to be able to study this programme online. This cost is not covered by the Targeted Training and Apprenticeship Fund (TTAF) as it only covers tuition fees and compulsory costs such as student levies.

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

#### You will study

This programme is made up of online modules to allow for self-paced study. The content of the online courses is delivered by a mix of practical activities, videos, notes and recommended readings.

You will interact with other learners and lecturers via the online discussion groups and are encouraged to interact within your community of learners to share your growing experiences. You will need to pass one 10-credit and two 15-credit modules in order to complete the qualification.

Courses
<b>Introduction to Sustainability (10 credits)</b> It focuses on sustainability from a New Zealand perspective, highlighting vital issues for New Zealand. You will have the opportunity to reflect on your current practices and identify areas for change.
<b>Native Plant Propagation (15 credits)</b> Gain knowledge of native plants, explore eco-sourcing and propagation.
<b>Riparian Planting (15 credits)</b> Learn about the factors influencing waterway quality in New Zealand and explore the reasons and techniques for effective riparian planting. You will apply this learning to prepare a riparian planting plan.

#### Your workload

You will be expected to undertake approximately 30 hours of study per week, for 15 weeks (this includes two vacation weeks).

#### Further study options

Upon successful completion of this programme, you will have developed a range of practical and technical skills required in core areas of growing sustainably. You could expand your employment potential by studying the New Zealand Certificate in Horticulture (General) (Level 3) or our Level 3 and 4 Nursery and Fruit Production programme.

#### Student loans and allowances with TTAF

Whilst this programme is free for you to study via the Trades and Apprenticeship Fund (TTAF), this fund only covers tuition fees and compulsory costs such as student levies. It does not cover any living costs. You can pay for additional and living costs by yourself if that is possible for you or by applying for a loan or allowance 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.

> For information about student loans and allowances please visit the Studylink website

Please note: Student Loans and Allowances and TTAF are available for domestic students only.

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