
STUDENT PASSPORT



**GET THE MOST
OUT OF YOUR
TIME AT EXPO!**

Do you know exactly where you are headed

But need to work out the finer details?.

Do you sort of know

But need to narrow it down a little?.

Are you heading straight to the workforce?

Make sure you are 'work ready' and get the best start.



**careers
expo**

I KNOW EXACTLY!

**BUT NEED TO WORK OUT
THE FINER DETAILS OF MY
DECISIONS...**

Sometimes Polytechs also offer Degrees the same as Universities but the style of learning can be different. It might be useful to check these out too.

Who else offers the course you wish to do?

What are the entry requirements?

What are the options or content of the course?

Do you need anything else other than your academic record to gain entry? E.g. A portfolio of work, references, work experience.

What is the student support like at the tertiary provider?

Is there any career support available once you enter the tertiary provider?

What job opportunities are there with this qualification?

How adaptable to other careers would this qualification be?

If you are looking to move out of your home town - what are the accommodation options like?



I SORT OF KNOW!

**BUT NEED TO NARROW IT
DOWN A LITTLE...**

Remember, what you are passionate about now might not be what you are passionate about in 5 years time. Make sure you keep your options open and are not narrowing down your future to one particular job.



Sometimes when people are unsure about their future, taking a break between high school and further study can be beneficial. But there are downsides to doing this as well.

It is best to do some research first:

- 1) Why are you taking a break between studying?
- 2) What are you hoping to get out of it?
- 3) What is your plan when you return?
- 4) Have you spoken to anyone who has taken a break then gone into study?

(motivation can be hard when you have previously been earning money and then have limited funds while studying. When you finish high school you are in the habit of doing study so getting back into this can be a struggle after a break).

Hopefully from all the research you have done prior to the expo you have narrowed down your options to a few different career pathways or providers.

Have a talk to all the different providers and consider the information below:

- What job opportunities are there with this qualification?
- How adaptable to other careers would this qualification be?
- Is there any career support available once you enrol with a tertiary provider?
- If I start doing one course can I change to something else?

STRAIGHT TO THE WORKFORCE!

MAKE SURE YOU ARE 'WORK READY' FOR THE BEST START...



Do you have a CV?

- go to Careers NZ website (CV Builder) to create one.

Do you have any references?

- talk to your teachers to see if they would be one for you. You need 2-3 and maybe a family friend.

Do you need a driver's license?

- www.nzta.govt.nz/driver-licences/
- You are more employable with a valid drivers license.

Do you need a Police Check?

- www.police.govt.nz/faq/how-do-i-get-a-police-clearance-certificate

Do you need to verify your identify or qualifications?

- check out www.RealMe.govt.nz

Do you have an IRD number? You

can't be paid until you have one

- <https://www.ird.govt.nz/how-to/irdnumbers>

Do you have a Bank Account?

- you can't be paid or get a IRD number without one.

The workforce has changed dramatically over the past few years and will continue to change due to technology and globalisation. Jobs which are around today may not be around tomorrow.



"Statistics New Zealand's Income Survey shows that people with a bachelors degree earned 64 percent more than those with no qualifications"

* "A person with no qualifications or school qualifications is somewhat less likely to be employed than a person with a tertiary qualification" *

* Education Counts (2016) Labour market outcomes of skills and qualifications. Retrieved 22nd March, 2016 from w.educationcounts.govt.nz/publications/series

NOTES

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IT HELPS TO KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!

GOALS FOR THE EXPO

Every time you gather information towards meeting your goals tick a box so you can see at the end how successful you have been in gathering information.

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While at the expo, have you been...
(Tick once done)

- ☐ To see Studylink
- ☐ To see at least two different providers
- ☐ Used the term CAREER when talking to a provider
- ☐ Found out about at least one career you did not know existed prior to the expo

Major - This is the main subject in your degree (eg. A History Major in a Bachelor of Arts)

Minor - This is the second main subject in your degree (eg. A Major in History and a Minor in Classical Studies within a Bachelor of Arts)

Reference - a written letter from someone who knows you personally or professionally which covers your skills and attributes.

Referee - someone who knows you personally or professionally and has agreed to speak to future employers or providers on your behalf. Make sure you have asked their permission first.

Cover Letter - This is the letter which goes with your CV explaining why you would be perfect for that specific job. Make sure you tailor this to each job you apply for.

CV (Curriculum Vitae) - Written presentation of your skills and attributes as well as your employment and academic history.

Student Loan - Organised through StudyLink to cover fees and some money towards living costs (you will have to pay this back).

Student Allowance - Organised through StudyLink and is a weekly amount towards your living costs. This is dependent on your parents' income. (You do not have to pay this back).

