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SIGN UP NOW FOR STUDY LEAVE DRIVING LESSONS



Students must have their name down by tomorrow to be added to the already confirmed list for Study Leave Driving Lessons.

The navigators will arrange lesson times with the students and pick them up and drop them off from their homes. They do not need to come into school to take part.

Please email caroling@waihicol.school.nz to sign up your student, a list is also available in the Gateway Office.



UNIVERSITY PREPARATION



The Certificate of University Preparation (CUP) is a one-trimester programme at the University of Waikato for students who don't meet university entrance and want a pathway into degree study. It helps build skills for academic success.

Why study the Certificate of University Preparation?

The Certificate of University Preparation is for:

- Students without University Entrance (UE)
- Students returning to study after time away from school
- Those needing extra academic preparation before a degree

This course will be offered as a trial in Tauranga for A Trimester next year.

Current Year 13 students wanting to get into this program will need to have achieved 30 NCEA Level 3 credits in university-approved subjects with numeracy and literacy.

This is a one Trimester, full time course

What it prepares you for

The Certificate of University Preparation builds your academic confidence, study habits, and critical thinking skills. It's designed to prepare you for success in undergraduate study and support your transition into university life.

Benefits of completing the programme

You'll gain University Entrance (UE) and be ready to move into a bachelor's degree. The programme also helps you improve your academic writing, research skills, and ability to learn independently.

STUDY LINK APPLICATIONS DUE 16 DECEMBER

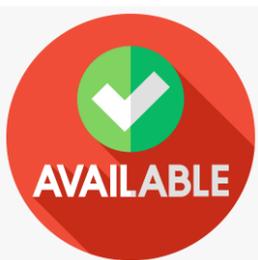
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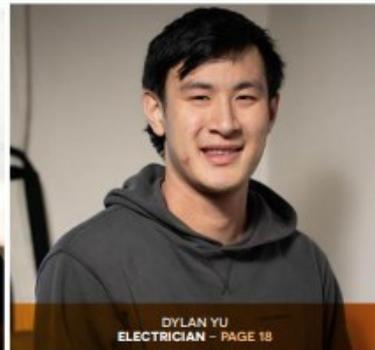
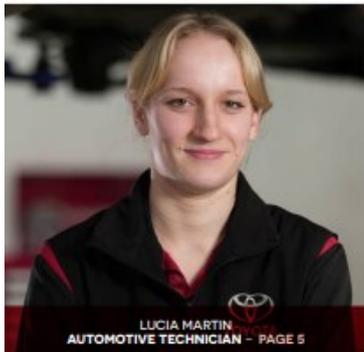
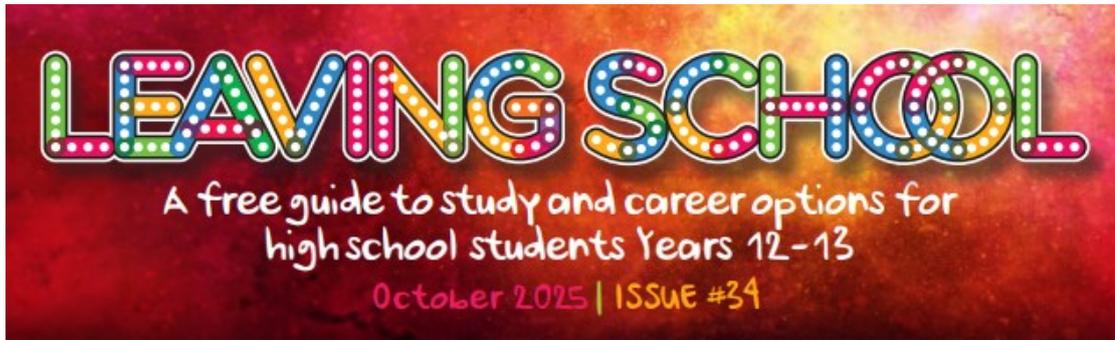


Apply before **16 December** for your student allowance or loan.

studylink.govt.nz



SCHOOL LEAVERS



There is plenty of interesting information in this magazine that will help senior students as they prepare for life after school, whether they go on to further study, start an apprenticeship or join the workforce.

The magazine is now available in the Gateway Office or online:

<https://oliverlee.co.nz/leavingschool-issue34/>

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WHAT IS KIWISAVER?

KiwiSaver is a voluntary savings scheme set up by the government to help New Zealanders to save for their retirement.

It's an easy and affordable way to save and invest for our retirement years. Most of us can benefit from joining KiwiSaver, if we haven't already.

Employees can choose to contribute at least 3% (which is lifting to 3.5% in April 2026 and 4% in April 2028) of your gross (before tax) wage or salary to your KiwiSaver account. Or you can select 4%, 6%, 8% or even 10%.

Employers are required to contribute close to 3% of your gross salary if you contribute (also lifting to 3.5% in April 2026 and 4% in April 2028).

There's an annual government contribution as well, even if you're not an employee – as much as \$260 each year until you're 65.

Your savings are invested on your behalf by the KiwiSaver provider of your choice. If you don't choose a provider, Inland Revenue will assign you to a default KiwiSaver fund that can be a good solution for you.



If you're 18 or over and start a new job you'll be automatically enrolled in KiwiSaver (with some exceptions). And that's typically a good thing!



School Leavers' Toolkit

Practical skills for life

Advice and resources for finding your way after leaving school

<https://school-leavers-toolkit.education.govt.nz/en/>

This website covers everything you know to know for School Leavers - topics covered are:



Money and tax
moni me te tāke



Moving out of home
te wehe i te kāinga



Getting a job
te whiwhi mahi



Get your driver licence
me whiwhi koe i tō raihana hautū



Government and voting
te kāwanatanga me te pōti



Tertiary education
mātauranga matua



Wellbeing | Hauora
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Be you. Really.

RealMe is the most trusted way to prove that you are you, online.

Create a RealMe login and use it to securely access Government online services.

Opt for a RealMe verified identity to prove beyond doubt that you are who you say you are.

For more information and how to create your RealMe account go to:
<https://www.realme.govt.nz/realme-login/>



TERTIARY STUDY

There are a number of ways we can help pay for your study. We can also help you sort a budget and find out what you can get.

You need to apply as early as you can to make sure you get everything sorted in time, including your payments.

We may be able to help with:

- compulsory course fees
- course-related costs (eg, books, laptop, etc)
- day-to-day living costs
- other costs (eg disability or childcare).

How much you can get depends on your age, income and course type.

For more information: <https://www.studylink.govt.nz/>

Find out what help you may qualify for, then choose if you want to apply.

<https://www.studylink.govt.nz/online-services/eligibility/index.html>

Based on your answers you'll find out if you could qualify for:

- Student Allowance
- Student Loan
- Jobseeker Support Student Hardship
- Accommodation Supplement
- Disability Allowance



Study Allowance Income Calculator

<https://www.studylink.govt.nz/products/rates/calculators/parental-income-calculator.html>

Student Loan Information

<https://www.studylink.govt.nz/products/a-z-products/student-loan/index.html>



What is Fee's Free?

For more information: <https://www.feesfree.govt.nz/final-year/>

Fees Free is a fund for first-time tertiary learners. It may cover fees for one year's study or two years' work-based training – up to \$12,000. To get Fees Free, you must meet certain eligibility criteria, and your course or programme must also be eligible.



ROAD CODE QUESTIONS:

Test Yourself, Your Friends and Parent/Guardians

The answers are in the Road Code, or see Jade in Gateway to check your answers.

LEARNER DRIVING

- C1** You must turn on your vehicle's headlights when you can't clearly see a person or vehicle:
_____ metres away. p99
- C12** Under normal driving conditions, what rule should you use to allow a safe following distance?
_____ p55
- C15** When driving at night on a road with lanes you must be able to stop in half the length of clear road you can see in front of you. True or false?
True False p100
- C19** The legal definition of a road includes beaches, bridges, carparks, streets and motorways. True or false?
True False p39
- C32** How must you signal when travelling straight ahead at a roundabout?
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- p83
- C38** When coming out of a driveway you must give way to anyone using a footpath, cycle path, shared path or the road. True or false?
True False p45
- C39** You're driving along a road with an 80km/h speed limit. There's a 100km/h speed limit sign ahead. When can you start to increase your speed?
_____ p123
- C40** You're driving along a road with an 80km/h speed limit. There's a 60km/h speed limit sign ahead. When must you be going 60km/h?
_____ p123
- C41** You're driving slower than the speed limit and notice there are vehicles following you. What should you do?
_____ p123

Build a career like no other and make mates for life!



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NZ ARMY
 TE TAUA MOANA
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<https://www.defencecareers.mil.nz/>

LIFE IN UNIFORM

No matter which Service you're in, no two days are the same when you're rolling with us. Whether you're waking up on an Army base in New Zealand, on a Naval warship in the open ocean, or in South Pacific as part of an Air Force deployment, each day has the potential to shake things up with something new.

Working together, we're about ensuring you get the most out of your career every single day. That means staying tight as a team and doing everything we can to help push you to reach your full potential. You'll be busy gaining new skills or qualifications and experiencing some of the most epic moments of your life – all in a day's work.

UPCOMING INTAKES	CAREER CATEGORIES	
Currently Recruiting	Apprenticeship trades	Intelligence, IT & Communications
Active Intakes	Combat & Special Operations	Logistics & Administration
	Education & Support roles	Navigation
RESERVES	Engineering & Technical trades	Officers & Management
Navy Reserves	Flight operations	Operational support
Army Reserves	Healthcare	Safety Management & Emergency Response
	Hospitality	



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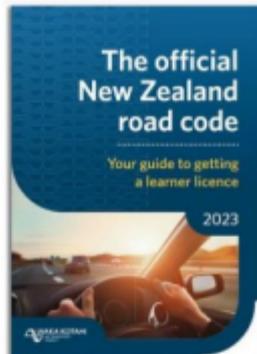
PREPARING FOR YOUR LEARNER LICENCE

Thinking about getting your learner licence? Here are some tips and information for preparing.

To get a learner licence, you must:

- be at least 16 years old
- be able to correctly answer 32 out of 35 questions on the road code

- One of the ways to prepare for the learner licence test is by working your way through Drive's Road Code. <https://drive.govt.nz/learner-licence> or use the QR below.
- Drive's Road Code contains chapter tests at the end of each section. These are like mini practice tests and a great way to check you're on the right track.
- Complete all the chapter tests and you get access to their official practice test. If you're consistently getting every answer correct in the practice test, that's a good sign you're ready for the real thing.
- Otherwise the Road Code or an app are popular with students, details below.



The AA website offers a free trial test

www.aa.co.nz

You can also purchase the Official AA Road Code for \$25 + postage, through the AA website.

Otherwise, most students are using apps to practice their tests like this one:



Learners Licence test:

Each Road Code Practice Test has 35 questions - for a car license you must get 32 out of 35 to pass. Each practice test of 35 questions is randomly generated from all the test questions found in the official NZ Road Code.

Some of our school programs and workshops are able to fully fund Learners License applications, but if you go privately to do your test expect these fees: As of 8 July fees have changed. Your second attempt is covered in the application fee if needed, but attempts after these will each have a fee.

Car (class 1)	Application fee (includes 2 tests)	Test fee for each test from 3rd attempt
Learner	\$96.10	\$54.60

The key for success, is to practice, practice, practice. Good luck.

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INFORMATIVE VIRTUAL INTERACTIVE MAP COVERING CIVIL INDUSTRY ROLES.

Click & drag to move the map.
Click on the icons for more information
Search for your dream role!

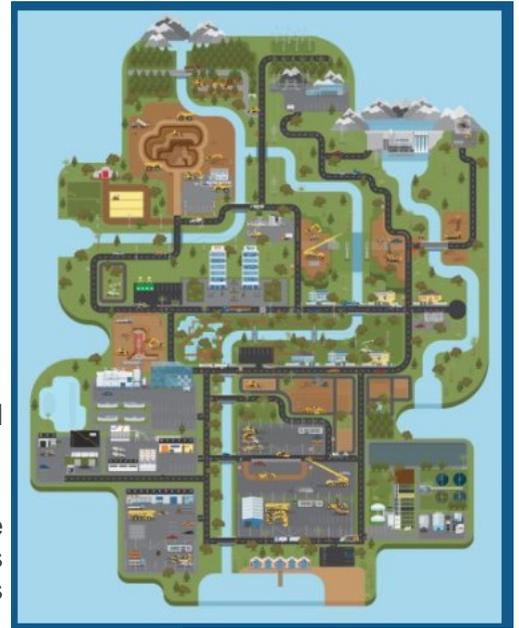
Civil Contractors New Zealand has created this clever visual roadmap for working in civil infrastructure construction.

This awesome work of art has been developed to showcase careers in infrastructure construction to career seekers, students and careers advisors who can support people to take up the tools of the civil trades.

The roadmap features a broad selection of roles, summaries the role selected, information on how to get started and connects through to opportunities around training, qualifications and employment.

This is a fantastic tool for senior students looking at making decisions moving forward out of school; and family members looking for a career in civil construction.

<https://roadmap.civilcontractors.co.nz/>



Piling Rig

Pilers are the driving force behind the sturdy foundations of infrastructure like bridges and large scale buildings. Their expertise lies in reading blueprints, assessing ground conditions, and executing their tasks with precision and safety in mind.



Electrical Trade

Electricians in the Electrical Supply Industry (ESI) specialize in high voltage (HV) electrical maintenance, repairs, and fault finding on transformers, substations, and other large-scale electrical equipment. This work spans across distribution, generation, and transmission networks with special projects including



- Transmission Line Structures
- Distribution Lines
- Substations
- To the property boundary

Electrical

Get Started

- From School
- Tertiary Training
- Via Recruiter
- On The Job Training
- Career Changer

The electrical sector is the backbone of New Zealand's infrastructure, supplying the energy needed for domestic activities, technological innovations, and the needs of its citizens. Its importance is highlighted as a reliable and efficient electrical supply is essential for powering industries, homes, and critical infrastructure, ensuring progress and well-being in the Kāwharū area.

Find out more:

- Electrical Workers Registration Board
- The Electrical Training Experts
- Connexis: Energy & Telco Pathway

