



New Zealand Diploma in Construction (Quantity Surveying) (Level 6)

Location

Auckland International Campus

This programme is also offered at our Dunedin Campus. Visit op.ac.nz for programme details.

Duration

Two years full-time

Delivery

On campus: Face-to-face teaching and self-directed learning

Credits

240

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240

Intakes

February, April, July and October

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Become a construction professional and help realise commercial and residential construction projects.

The New Zealand Diploma in Construction is recognised by employers and industrial, academic and professional bodies - so when you graduate you'll be highly competent and industry ready.

What do quantity surveyors do?

Quantity Surveyors work with clients, architects, engineers, consultants, and local authorities to complete construction projects.

Quantity Surveyors can budget, price, and financially administer construction projects. Typical roles include Consultants, Estimators, Contract Administrators, and Contract Managers. With experience, quantity surveying can lead into the fields of project management, commercial management, and dispute resolution.

Benefits of this qualification

- Quantity Surveying students can join the [New Zealand Institute of Quantity Surveyors \(NZIQS\)](#) as a free student member. Then, after graduating and gaining sufficient industry experience, you can apply for full membership. The NZIQS belongs to the Pacific Association of Quantity Surveyors (PAQS), along with a number of other countries, and has reciprocal agreements with some other Institutes, making it easier to work overseas.
- Upon successful completion of this diploma, you can gain direct entry into the final year of our [Bachelor of Construction \(Quantity Surveying\)](#)

Please contact us if you would like to discuss your study situation.

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Entry requirements

- A minimum of 50 NCEA credits at Level 2, including:
 - 12 credits in maths, and
 - a minimum of 12 Literacy credits at NCEA Level 1
- OR be able to demonstrate equivalent knowledge and skills.
- If English is not your first language, you must provide:
 - New Zealand University Entrance OR
 - Overall Academic IELTS 6.0 with no individual band score lower than 5.5 (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](#)).

You will study

You will study a total of 240 credits.

Courses Year 1 (Compulsory)

Course	Level	Credits
Introduction to Construction Studies	5	15 credits
Material and Structural Principles	5	15 credits
Law and Construction Contracts	5	15 credits
Construction 1 Residential	5	15 credits
Services	5	15 credits
Construction 2 Commercial	6	16 credits
Environment	5	15 credits
Introduction to Measurement and Estimation	5	15 credits

Courses Year 2 (Compulsory)

Course	Level	Credits
Measurement	5	15 credits
Estimation	6	15 credits
Programming	6	15 credits
Measurement 2	6	15 credits
Financial Administration	6	15 credits
Procurement	6	15 credits
Cost Planning	6	15 credits
Regional Project Quantity Surveying	6	15 credits

Practical and work-based components

There is no requirement for learners to complete an internship or similar component. However, if the circumstances are appropriate and conducive to an individual learner's needs, there is a possibility to meet programme requirements through workplace learning. We will continue to have managed student projects off campus to enable all learners to approach the 'commercial competence' that is written into this qualification. Year two learners that are not in workplace learning arrangements will have additional 'leading hand' level responsibilities and tasking within these outside projects.

Your workload

You will be expected to spend about 300 hours per Study Block on your course work. This includes both scheduled class time and self-directed study.

At our Auckland International Campus, this programme is offered by Future Skills Academy due to a sub-contract arrangement with Otago Polytechnic. [Auckland study block dates >](#)

Further study options

Upon successful completion of this diploma, you can gain direct entry to the final year of the [Bachelor of Construction \(Quantity Surveying\)](#) which you can study full-time (one year). Students who wish to progress to the bachelor's degree must meet the English language entry requirements outlined above.

The degree will provide broader skills around business and construction law, and management so is geared towards a more senior level. Graduates would initially still enter the industry as Consultants, Estimators, Contract Administrators, or Contracts Managers. Then, upon gaining sufficient experience can apply for more senior positions, without first needing further study.

Postgraduate study is available for degree graduates. Massey University offers a Master's degree in Construction with majors in Construction Project Management, Quantity Surveying, and Construction Law.

Cancellation of a programme

Any programme of study, course or course occurrence may be cancelled or postponed where there are insufficient numbers. As far as is practically possible, we avoid cancelling or making other significant changes less than two weeks before the programme starts (or five working days for short courses). If this happens, we will do our best to suggest alternative study options for you. If you don't want to do the alternative programme, we will give you a full refund. For international students, if a programme change affects your visa status, we will let you know and support you to find an alternative option. We also advise Immigration New Zealand of any programme change that will affect international students.

Intakes:

Course	Description	Dates
25-AIC-03	Auckland International Campus	28 Jul 2025
25-AIC-04	Auckland International Campus	13 Oct 2025
26-DUN-Y1S	Dunedin	23 Feb 2026