

New Zealand Diploma in Construction (Level 6)



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 \(Quantity Surveying\)](#) or [\(Site Management\)](#)

Please contact us if you would like to discuss your study situation. Email david.finnie@op.ac.nz or Construction@op.ac.nz.

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

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
Level	6
Start	February, April, July and October
Apply	Anytime

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- 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 strand totals 240 credits.

YEAR ONE

COURSE NAME	CREDITS
Construction Technology: Small Buildings	30
Construction Technology: Medium and Large Buildings	30
Estimating	15
Measurement	15
Risk Management Site Safety	15
Law and Contracts	15

YEAR TWO

COURSE NAME	CREDITS
Procurement and Tendering	15
Programming	15
Cost Planning	15
Contract Administration	15
Advanced Measurement	15
Project Planning	15
Tender Bid Project	15
People Management	15
Total	240

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 \(Quantity Surveying\) or \(Site Management\) degree](#) which you can study full-time (one year) or part-time (two to three years).

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.

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