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Domestic fee: Free!

Due to the Government's Targeted Trades and Apprenticeship Fund.

- > You will still need to pay for any additional course-related costs such as textbooks (see more info in Additional Costs section).
- > You can pay for this yourself or apply for a loan/allowance via Studylink.

International fee: \$23,400 (first year) **plus compulsory student levy** >

*Fees are approximate, subject to change and exchange rates

International Scholarships



Location Dunedin or Auckland
The Auckland programme is for international students only.

Duration Two years full-time (four years part-time study available in Dunedin only)

Delivery Blended learning: face-to-face teaching and self-directed learning. A [part-time fully online option](#) is also available through our partnership with the [TANZ eCampus](#).

Credits 240

Level 6

Start Dunedin: February (full-time or part-time) and July (part-time)
Auckland: January, March, June, August and October

Apply Anytime

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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 and construction managers do?

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

Quantity Surveyors

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.

Construction Managers

Construction Management focus on planning and managing time, resources, quality and health and safety. They are less focused on financial management than quantity surveyors.

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.
- > The Construction Management strand supports the Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment Licensed Building Practitioner Scheme, providing eligibility for a streamlined application process towards Site License Classes 1, 2 and 3 in accordance with information on the MBIE website: <http://www.business.govt.nz/lbp>.
- > In addition, it is possible to study the other strand either after completing the first strand or at the same time if the timetabling permits.
- > 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.

*The Site Management specialisation is subject to approval.

Online option

From 2020, we're offering this Diploma fully online through our partnership with the [TANZ eCampus](#) (specialists in online learning). Initially it will be offered part-time, with a full-time offering becoming available later in the year.

Your online learning will be supported with your own learning advisor and this flexible option can be integrated into any busy lifestyle.

[Find out more about studying online.](#)

Entry requirements

Construction Management strand

- > Entry is restricted to those working in the construction industry with a New Zealand trade background or similar.
- > You need to be working in a supervisory capacity or will have the opportunity to work in a supervisory capacity during the duration of your study.
- > 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](#)).

If you need to improve your English Language skills, we offer a [wide range of English programmes](#).

Quantity Surveying strand

- > 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.
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Recognition of Prior Learning (Construction Management strand)

If you have extensive knowledge and skills due to practical experience in this area, you may have already gained credits towards this qualification. Capable NZ, our Centre for Assessment of Prior Learning, is currently offering the Construction Management strand of this qualification and recognition of skills gained in the workplace will be credited toward courses on a case-by-case basis.

[Find out if this is the right pathway for you >](#)

You will study (Construction Management)

This strand totals 240 credits.

YEAR ONE	
COURSE NAME	CREDITS
Construction Technology: Small buildings	Either 1 x 30 or 2 x 15 credit course
Construction Technology: Medium and Large	Either 1 x 30 or 2 x 15 credit course
Measurement	15
Introduction to Legislative and Social Environment	15
Estimating	15
Introduction to Dispute Resolution	15
YEAR TWO	
COURSE NAME	CREDITS
Programming	15
Procurement and Tendering	15
Contact Administration	15
Quality Assurance and Site Safety	15
People Management	15
Project Management	15
Construction Project	30
Total	240

You will study (Quantity Surveying)

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Construction Technology: Medium and Large	Either 1 x 30 or 2 x 15 credit course
Measurement	15
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YEAR TWO	
COURSE NAME	CREDITS
Programming	15
Procurement and Tendering	15
Contact Administration	15
Advanced Measurement	15
Cost Planning	15
Value Management	15
Quality Assurance and Site Safety	15
Applied Project 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

If studying at our Dunedin Campus

Full-time

You should commit approximately 38 hours per week towards your studies. This comprises around 19 hours of class time per week, with the remainder spent in self-directed learning.

Part-time

You can study this programme part-time, typically over four years (five years maximum by negotiation). Part-time paths of study are planned with each learner individually so you can fit your studies around work.

If studying at our Auckland International Campus

You will be expected to spend about 38 hours per week (or 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 \(Quantity Surveying\)](#) 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.

Additional information and programme costs

- > [Programme information for new students](#)
- > [Programme equipment list](#)
- > [Campus Map](#)
- > [Timetable \(Draft copy only\)](#)

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 additional costs or 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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