

New Zealand Certificate in Apiculture (Queen Bee Rearing) (Level 4)

You need to apply for this programme via the SIT website as we offer it in partnership with SIT Telford Campus. Please head to the Apiculture Level 3 webpage on this site

(<https://www.op.ac.nz/programmes/nzqa/new-zealand-certificate-in-apiculture-queen-bee-rearing-level-4/>) and apply from there.



Location Online with weekend block courses in:

- Christchurch (National Trades Academy)
- Cromwell, Central Otago (Bannockburn Road)
- Dunedin (Momona Hall)
- Gisborne (Eastwoodhill Arboretum)
- Greytown (Kuranui College)
- Hamilton (Fraser High School)
- New Plymouth, Taranaki (Coastal Taranaki School, Okato)
- Orewa, North Auckland (Hibiscus Coast Community House)
- Tauranga (Whataroa Road)
- Wakefield (Willowbank Heritage Centre)
- Whangarei (Maromaku School)

Duration 33 weeks part-time; not available full-time

Delivery

- Online learning - one evening class per fortnight (7.00pm-9.00pm)
- Practical weekend workshops once per month (9.00am-5.00pm, Sat and Sun)
- Followed by a practical 10 days later on a Tues evening (5.30pm-7.30pm)

Credits 60

Domestic fee: Free study during 2022 - full programme normally \$3,044!

Due to the Government's Targeted Training and Apprenticeship Fund (TTAF).

- You will need a laptop/device to study this programme online which isn't covered by this fund.
- You will still need to pay for any additional course-related costs (see more info in Additional Costs section).

TTAF will only cover your study during 2022. You may be eligible for some additional tuition fees cover under the [Government's Fees Free](#) scheme during 2023. See the Paying for your study section below for more info.

International fee: \$10,600

Level	4
Start	August
Apply	Now

Gain the skills and knowledge to rear queen bees.

This programme will enable you to rear queen bees for a commercial operation or to operate your own queen-rearing operation. Graduates will be able to work independently and could supervise others.

Apiculture is one of New Zealand's fastest growing industries and there is such high demand for this skill that it is listed on Immigration NZ's Immediate Skills Shortage List.

Graduates of this programme will be well-received by industry as it will benefit from having a supply of quality queen bees to ensure genetic diversification to establish and restock existing and new hives. In addition, the wider community and New Zealand as a whole will benefit from having a supply of queens bees to enable new or restocked hives to operate effectively, and contribute to the supply of bees for pollination which ensures the on-going supply of food sources.

Otago Polytechnic is the only tertiary provider of this industry-recognised training pathway in New Zealand.

Entry requirements

Want your existing skills recognised?

Course descriptions

Your workload

Further study options

Additional costs

Paying for your study

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