

New Zealand Certificate in Pest Operations Level 3

with strand in Rural Pest Control



The “Towards a Predator-Free Taranaki” plan requires this region to become predator-free by 2050.

The first phase of the project will reduce possum numbers to zero density on farm, urban and conservation land, over 8,600 hectares. There is a massive shortage of trained pest control operators.

Programme Specific Information

What can I expect out of this programme?

The purpose of this New Zealand Certificate is to recognise the skills and knowledge of individuals who are able to safely carry out pest control or pest monitoring in a rural environment. The programme is targeted at individuals who wish to enter the pest operations industry.

What will I learn and how long will I be studying for?

This 15 week hands-on programme prepares you to work in environmental pest control. You will gain practical experience in pest control through trapping and poisoning techniques for controlling rats, rabbits, stoats and ferrets – some of our most destructive animal pests.

You will learn to identify flora and fauna as well as methods for controlling pest plants, and how to navigate and complete an expedition into remote bush and develop habits for communicating, problem-solving and working safely and effectively.

Through a mix of theory and hands-on learning, you will also cover topics such as animal physiology and welfare, personal safety in the outdoors, firearm safety and legislation.

PROGRAMME INFORMATION

CPO3.300 Health and Safety

Students will gain knowledge in hazard identification and management, navigation, survival skills, and health and safety requirements during pest control activities.

Units 6400, 6401 and 6402.

CPO3.301 Communication and Environmental Impact

This course aims to provide students with the ability to communicate safely and effectively in pest operations and develop an understanding of the environmental and economic impact of pests.

CPO3.302 Pest Control

Students who successfully complete this course will gain an understanding of local plant and animal pests and related control and monitoring methods.

CPO3.303 Quad Bikes

The aim of this course is for students to acquire the knowledge and skills to safely operate a quad bike in a range of conditions.

CPO3.306 Light Utility Vehicles

The aim of this course is for students to acquire the knowledge and skills to safely operate a light utility vehicle (LUV) in a range of off road conditions.

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Graduate Profile

Graduates of this qualification will be able to:

- maintain health and safety in a range of conditions.
- communicate, report and record information for workplace requirements.
- identify the purpose and impacts of pest operations.

Graduates of the Rural Pest Control strand will also be able to:

- operate vehicles in a rural environment.
- identify and control a pest type in a rural environment.

What job opportunities will I have after I complete my programme?

Holders of this certificate will have the skills and knowledge to carry out pest operations and may be employed as pest monitors, pest control contractors, Department of Conservation rangers, regional council biosecurity officers or urban pest control technicians.

Driver's Licence

It is recommended that students hold or are working towards a Restricted New Zealand Driver's Licence.

PROGRAMME INFORMATION

Programme Fees and Additional Expenses

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Domestic: FREE (TTAF funded)

International: POA

Additional Expenses

	Quantity	Price
Safety Boots 415781 blk08 zip	1	\$130.00
Light weight fluoro vest (with zip) 442HCH FLOXL.	1	\$7.50
Hi vis winter fleece Jersey 403750 FYNXL.	1	\$38
Winter fluoro vest 401221 FLOXL.	1	\$38
Total		\$213.50
	(inc GST)	\$245.53

A laptop or tablet is also required - approx \$750

Security provisions and insurance cover is the responsibility of the students.

WITT accepts no responsibility for the loss or damage of tools and equipment.