



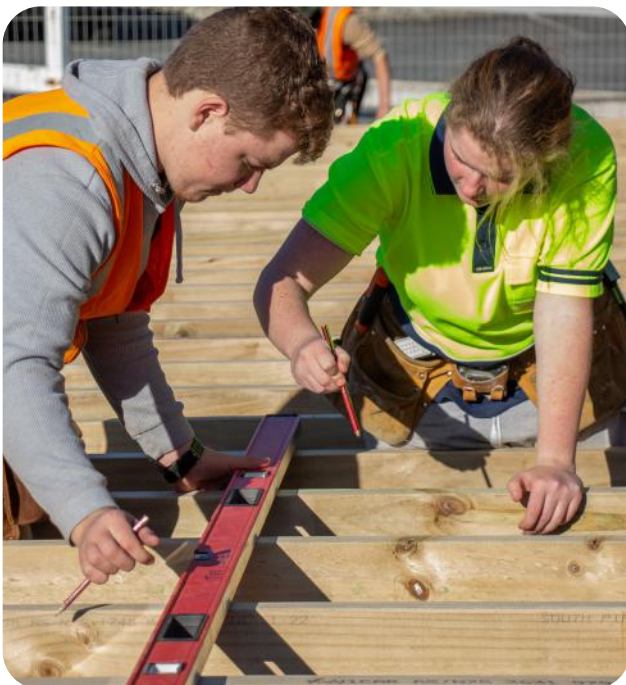
BUILD A CAREER

Carpentry

Building and construction is an excellent career option. In the next five to ten years New Zealand is going to need a lot of people with skills in this area, especially in Christchurch and the West Coast.

This programme will get you started on a career in building, and is hands-on, project based learning designed to give you skills in the building and construction sector. You will learn how to use and manage hand tools, power tools and machinery; and build decks, utility buildings, garden furniture and other items.

There is a high need for qualified builders in New Zealand and with the skills you gain through your Trades programme and by completing your NCEA Level 2 qualifications at school you will highly employable. After completing this certificate you could become an apprentice with a building or construction business, or go on to study in a range of areas including carpentry, Level 3 and 4 programmes.



KEY DETAILS...

Credits:	Level 2 and 3: Up to 25 credits
Duration:	1 year programme preparing students for pre-trade carpentry or employment
Timetable:	Greymouth 9am - 3pm Thursdays or Fridays (TBC)
Starts:	February 2026
Ends:	November 2026
Provider:	Tai Poutini Polytechnic

What you will learn:

- How to manage hand tools, power tools and machinery
- Build decks, utility buildings, garden furniture and other items
- Develop trade sketches and drawings
- Concreting

Employment options:

- Building apprenticeship
- Joinery
- Construction sites
- Roofing
- Paving and landscaping
- Concreting and bricklaying
- Painting and decorating

Further study options:

- Certificate in Carpentry (Residential and Commercial) (Level 3)
- National Certificate in Carpentry (Level 4)
- National Certificate in Joinery with strands in Cabinetry, Exterior Joinery and Stairs