

# Vocational Pathways

*Whāia te pae tawhiti kia tata. Whāia to pae tata kiā maua.*

PURSUE THE DISTANT PATHWAYS OF YOUR DREAMS SO THEY MAY BECOME YOUR REALITY.

## What's Your Vocation

Whether you want to be an electrician, builder, programmer, teacher, or not sure what you want to be in the future, or the type of job you want to have – the Vocational Pathways can help you to plan your learning-to-earning journey.

## What are the Vocational Pathways?

The Vocational Pathways provide a framework to achieve NCEA Level 2 or equivalent, recognised as the passport to success to further study and employment.

The pathways provide clear study options that are valued by employers, and lead to future study and work destinations.

The Vocational Pathways are made up of five sectors of industry:

- Manufacturing and Technology;
- Construction and Infrastructure;
- Primary Industries;
- Social and Community Services; and
- Services Industries.

## How can the Vocational Pathways help?

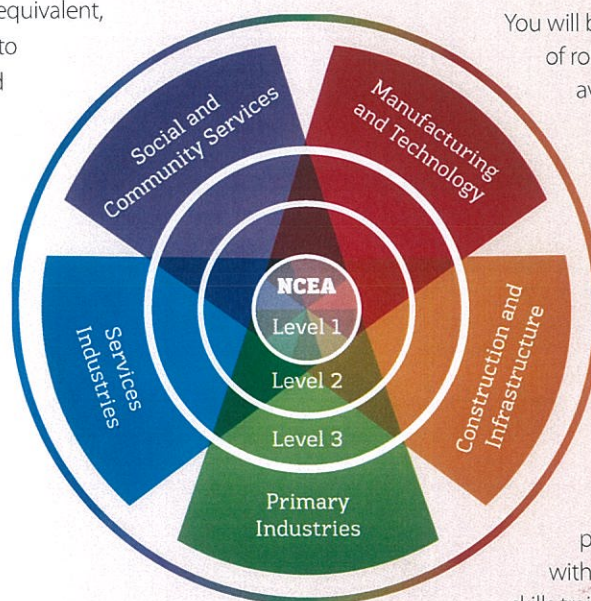
They show you how important your learning really is by matching up what you learn, with a range of work and study options.

They can show you and your family, whānau, aiga how your strengths, interests and achievements relate to a wider range of future possibilities, and how your subject choices make a difference to what you might do in the future.

You will be able to identify the range of roles, jobs and study options available to you, and understand more clearly the subjects you will need to take to get there. Even if you change your mind, the pathways are flexible enough to enable you to move across the range of pathways.

The pathways can also show you what employers expect to see you achieve in your learning, so they have the confidence you are prepared to enter the workplace with the necessary learning and skills training they require.

Whether you want to move into further study or enter the workplace, using the Vocational Pathways you can attain NCEA Level 2 or equivalent, which is recognised as the minimum required level of achievement.





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## Are the pathways flexible?

Yes. You can easily move across the pathways. The Vocational Pathways contain a great deal of shared learning, like literacy (reading) and numeracy (maths), and identify the skills which employers in any sector value, so you can change direction in your learning.

## How do I get started?

[www.careers.govt.nz](http://www.careers.govt.nz) can help you start thinking or planning what you want to do now and in the future.

[www.youthguarantee.net.nz](http://www.youthguarantee.net.nz) can help you build your own vocational profile.

1. You can build your vocational profile to plan what you want to achieve and how to get there.
2. It's easy, just follow the instructions online.
3. Compare how your NZQA Record of Achievement relates to your vocational profile, and how your interests, aspirations and achievements match up to a wide range of work and study possibilities.
4. You can identify the jobs under each pathway.
5. Ask your teachers, parents, or mentors to assist you in your planning. They can help you identify what you may need to learn and how to achieve your chosen pathway(s).
6. Show your future employers your achievements, strengths and skills using your vocational profile.
7. Use the *Profile Builder* as a planning tool whenever you like to help you in your learning-to-earning journey.

## For parents, whānau, aiga

The Vocational Pathways provide new ways to achieve NCEA Level 2 or equivalent, which is recognised as the foundation for success to further education and work.

The pathways will help students, parents, whānau and aiga see how learning is relevant to a wide range of jobs and study options, in five broad sectors of industry: Manufacturing and Technology, Construction and Infrastructure, Primary Industries, Social and Community Services; and Services Industries.

Achieving credits towards the Vocational Pathways means each student is developing the necessary skills and knowledge in areas that employers value.

Through a student's Vocational Profile you will be able to see a graph which can show you what they plan to learn or their current achievements, and identify their interests, strengths and abilities to achieve their chosen pathway(s).

## Support available

You can ask teachers and mentors to assist in planning a personalised Vocational Profile. They can help identify what a student may need to learn to achieve a vocational pathway.

You can also visit [www.careers.govt.nz](http://www.careers.govt.nz) to help start thinking about the learning-to-earning journey.



## Sources of information:

**Vocational Pathways** [www.youthguarantee.net.nz](http://www.youthguarantee.net.nz)

**Careers New Zealand** [www.careers.govt.nz](http://www.careers.govt.nz)

**Occupation Outlook 2013** [www.dol.govt.nz/occupation-outlook](http://www.dol.govt.nz/occupation-outlook)