



TRADES CAREERS

Kick start a great career now in the Trades
right here in South Canterbury

**PLUMBING | ELECTRICAL | JOINERY/ROOFING | AUTOMOTIVE | CONSTRUCTION
PAINTING & DECORATING | ENGINEERING | BUILDING**



SOUTH CANTERBURY

Skilled tradespeople are in high demand right throughout New Zealand and a career in any of the trades offers some amazing opportunities both here and overseas.

Recent reports show that New Zealand is facing a massive shortfall of skilled tradespeople over the next four years, with estimates that more than 50,000 construction workers alone, are needed by 2022 to keep with demand. That means if you choose to follow a trades career pathway, there's significant employment awaiting those who are successful and committed to their industries.

Take a look at the Trades options here – grab the chance to talk to some of the local businesses or to visit the workplaces to get a real taste of what could be in store for you.

From engineering, to electrical, construction, plumbing or painting, there may be something just right for you.

EMPLOYMENT SKILLS

These are the key employability skills that our industry is looking for:

POSITIVE ATTITUDE

Have a "can do" attitude; motivated to work hard towards goals.

GOOD COMMUNICATION SKILLS

Speak, listen and share ideas appropriately.

TEAM WORK

Work well with others to complete tasks and meet goals; recognise authority of supervisors and follow directions.

SELF-MANAGEMENT

Show commitment and responsibility.

WILLINGNESS TO LEARN

Enthusiastic about the job, organisation and industry.

THINKING SKILLS

Problem solving and decision making; use initiative to find solutions.

RESILIENCE

Flexible in new and changing situations; can handle challenges and setbacks and not give up.

Investing in the workforce

The businesses in the Trades sector have a common desire to assist their staff with training and all are willing to invest in professional development of their employees if there is a willingness and genuine commitment to learn. This could be on-the-job training, apprenticeship training, or study at degree level to progress.





The trades are suited to those who enjoy a practical focus – at high school it may be that the technology subjects are your passion. Consider getting involved with the Gateway programme at school to get experience in different work places.

At School

NCEA Level 1 or 2 preferred
School subjects recommended – Maths, English, Technology subjects.

Pre-Trade Training

Foundation knowledge for a variety of trades can be gained by completing a pre-trade course at a Polytechnic or private training establishment.

Apprenticeships

Embarking on your career by undertaking an apprenticeship in any of the trades offers the chance to earn while you learn. Options include self-paced learning, and/or block training courses. Ultimately you will gain a National Certificate in your chosen trade.

Qualified Tradesperson

Once you're fully qualified, you can choose to go on to further training or study to extend your skills or work on gaining experience in the industry.

Supervisor / Foreman

As you gain experience, training and qualifications you can progress to become a team leader or supervisor. This could involve supervising and organizing on-site staff and sub-contractors.

Can lead to leadership and senior roles including:

- Workshop Manager
- Project Manager
- Contract Manager
- Health and Safety Officer
- Human Resource Officer
- Procurement Officer
- Logistics Manager
- Construction Manager
- Contracts Manager
- Sales / Marketing roles
- Quantity Surveyor / Estimator
- Production Manager
- Maintenance Manager
- Quality Assurance/ Development Manager
- Warehouse/Store Manager
- Financial Controller
- Branch/Site or Plant Manager
- Operations Manager
- General Manager / Chief Executive
- Business Owner

SOME OF THE THE BUSINESSES IN OUR SECTOR

Plumbing

Breen Plumbing	www.breenplumbing.co.nz
Hadlee and Brunton	www.hadleeandbrunton.co.nz
MasterLink - Master Plumbers	www.masterlink.co.nz
Menzies Group	www.menziesgroup.co.nz

Electrical

Butler Electrical	www.butlerelectrical.co.nz
Graham Taylor Electrical	www.gte.co.nz
Hardie Electrical Services	hardieelectrical.co.nz
Industrial Controls	www.icsc.co.nz
Laser Electrical Timaru	www.laserelectrical.co.nz
Morris Waddell Electrical	
Plunket Electrical Timaru	www.plunket-electrical.co.nz
Robbie Mehrtens Electrical	
Sullivan and Spillane	www.spillane.co.nz

Painting/Decorating

Aidans Painting	
Grant Jenkins Contracting	www.grantjenkins.co.nz
Jeff Alan Painter	www.jeffallan.co.nz
Ranger Specialised Coatings	www.ranger.co.nz
Steve Turnbull Decorating	www.steveturnbull.co.nz
Todd Mudie Group	www.toddm.co.nz
Waldron Decorators	

Joinery/Roofing

Geeves Scaffolding	www.geeves.co.nz
JE Dennison	
JMAC Joinery	www.jmacjoinery.com
Kennedy Aluminium	www.kennedyaluminium.co.nz

Refrigeration

Active Refrigeration	www.activerefrigeration.co.nz
Masterchill	www.masterchill.co.nz

Automotive

Autoworld Timaru	www.autoworldtimaru.co.nz
SC Toyota	www.toyota.co.nz/south-canterbury-toyota
Timaru Motors	www.timarumotors.co.nz

Engineering

Dan Cosgrove	www.dancosgrove.kiwi.nz
Parr and Co	www.parr.co.nz

Construction

Chris Broadhead Construction	www.chrisbroadhead.co.nz
Colin Shore Building	www.colinshorebuilding.co.nz
Craig O'Keeffe Builders	
David Fridd Building	www.friddbuilding.co.nz
Gallagher Trade Building	www.gallaghertrade.nz
Henderson Building	www.hendersonbuilding.co.nz
Johnson Building	www.johnsonbuilding.co.nz
Ranger Construction	www.hardingconstruction.co.nz
Shore Construction	www.shoreconstruction.co.nz
Thompson Construction	www.thompsonltd.co.nz
Wilson Building Timaru	www.wilsonbuilding.co.nz



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