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# Nau mai haere mai ki Te Pūkenga

## Welcome to Te Pūkenga

A national network of integrated learning in Aotearoa New Zealand, providing applied and vocational education and training that works with you, for you.



# Kia ora huihui mai tātou | Welcome



**MADHAWA LIYANAGE**  
**DIRECTOR | Co-Founder**

Studying abroad can be a challenging yet incredibly rewarding experience, especially when it comes to navigating the academic landscape in a new country. We understand that international students may face unique obstacles, from adjusting to a new culture to figuring out the best ways to approach their studies.

That's where we come in. Skilly New Zealand Ltd is dedicated to helping students find the best study solutions, tailored to their individual needs. Whether it's offering expert tutoring services, helping students with study plans, or advising them on the best institutions and courses that align with their goals, we ensure that every step of their academic journey is as smooth and successful as possible.

Thank you!



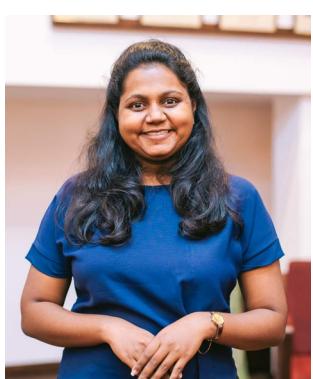
**PUBUDU MALSHAN**  
**DIRECTOR /Migration Agent (New Zealand)**

Pubudu's expertise lies in providing personalized advice tailored to each student's unique needs and goals. He takes the time to understand their interests, strengths, and future ambitions, helping them make informed decisions about their education. Whether it's choosing the right university, navigating scholarship opportunities, or finding the best-fit programs, Pubudu ensures that students have all the information they need to succeed. Pubudu is making a meaningful difference in the lives of international students, supporting them every step of the way and helping them unlock the opportunities New Zealand has to offer.



**KESHIYA DASON**  
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Meet Keshiya, a passionate and empathetic immigration consultant with a strong commitment to helping others create a better future. Now, Keshiya is focused on guiding individuals and families through the often complex and overwhelming immigration process. She offers personalized support at every stage, ensuring that each client receives the guidance they need to make informed decisions. Drawing on her skills in analysis, communication, and problem-solving, Keshiya is dedicated to creating a positive impact, helping clients achieve their aspirations, and build a brighter future in New Zealand. You can trust Keshiya to be your partner in making your dreams come true in Aotearoa



**Oshadhi Wijayanayake**  
**Migration Agent (Sri Lanka)**

Allow me to introduce Oshadi, a dedicated and resourceful team member at Skilly New Zealand who plays a key role in guiding students from Sri Lanka towards their educational aspirations in New Zealand. Oshadi works closely with prospective students, offering personalized guidance to help them navigate the process of connecting with Skilly New Zealand for study opportunities.

With a deep understanding of both the Sri Lankan education system and the study options available in New Zealand, Oshadi is able to provide valuable support to students and their families. Through her compassionate approach, Oshadi ensures that students feel confident and well-prepared as they make their journey to study abroad.

# About SKILLY NEW ZEALAND

**We're a network of New Zealand's 16 state-owned Institutes of Technology and Polytechnics (ITPs) and nine Industry Training Organisations (ITOs) that operate as a single national institution, Skilly New Zealand.**

As the country's one of education provider, our network delivers world-class tertiary level education focused on vocational and applied learning, from certificate through to PhD level.

Our high quality vocational and applied learning experience is delivered within the unique New Zealand context that values diversity and inclusion and delivers premium experiences to international learners.



# Why study in New Zealand?

Gain work skills and qualifications in New Zealand to prepare for the future.

## Vocational education in New Zealand

Learning with us will give you relevant work skills, real-world experience and globally recognised qualifications.

## Focussed on the future

Study in New Zealand and you'll gain qualifications that are recognised and respected around the world. New Zealand was ranked the top English-speaking country at preparing students for the future by The Economist Intelligence Unit in 2019.

## Real-world skills

You'll increase your employability by gaining relevant skills and hands-on experience in your industry. Employers help to create our courses and programmes, so you can be confident you're getting the right skills for the career you want.

## Flexible learning

Learning in New Zealand takes place on campus and online. You can also learn at work. Your studies may include internships, work placements and industry projects. You'll gain experience in your industry, make contacts, and be ready to work as soon as you graduate.

## Welcoming and supportive

One of New Zealand's most important values is manaakitanga - a Māori word meaning hospitality and kindness. You'll be given a warm welcome and the support you need to achieve your goals.



## Ready for work

### Working while you study

If you have a student visa, you may be able to work for up to 20 hours a week during the term and full-time during holidays.

### Working after studying

You may be able to apply for a visa to work for up to three years in New Zealand after you graduate, depending on what you study and where you study.

### Jobs in high demand

Discover what work skills are in high demand in the New Zealand job market. If you gain the skills we need, you may be able to work here after graduating.

# Life in New Zealand



## Explore New Zealand

Whether you like living in a dynamic big city, a smaller lively city or in the countryside, Te Pūkenga has a study destination to suit you. Each area of the country has places where you could study.



## Living costs

New Zealand's cost of living is similar to other OECD countries. Living costs vary depending on where you live. Your fees will depend on the type of course you choose, where you study and how long you study for.

## Daily life

New Zealand is famous for its friendly people, relaxed pace of life and beautiful surroundings. Study here and you'll have the space and freedom to be yourself and find your own path in life.



## Where to stay

Finding a place to stay is one of the first steps towards feeling safe, happy and cared for in New Zealand. There are plenty of places you can live including homestays, shared houses or apartments.



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# Main Te Pūkenga campuses across New Zealand

## North Island

### 1. Northland

NorthTec

### 2. Auckland

Unitec

Manukau Institute  
of Technology (MIT)

### 3. Waikato

Wintec

### 4. Bay of Plenty

Toi Ohomai

Institute of  
Technology

### 5. Hawke's Bay and East Coast

Eastern Institute of  
Technology (EIT)

### 6. Taranaki

Western Institute  
of Technology

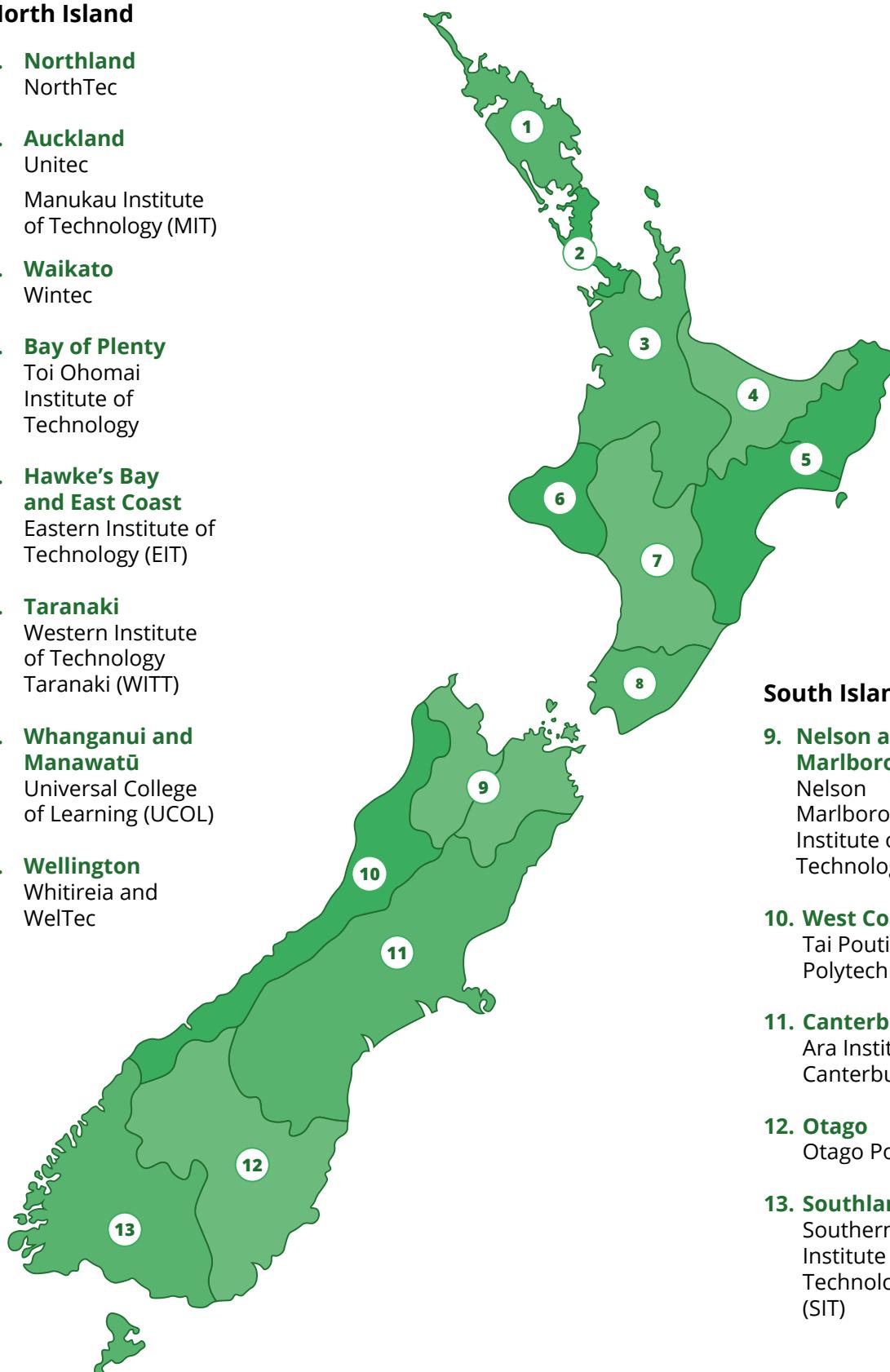
Taranaki (WITT)

### 7. Whanganui and Manawatū

Universal College  
of Learning (UCOL)

### 8. Wellington

Whitireia and  
WelTec



## South Island

### 9. Nelson and Marlborough

Nelson  
Marlborough  
Institute of  
Technology (NMIT)

### 10. West Coast

Tai Poutini  
Polytechnic (TPP)

### 11. Canterbury

Ara Institute of  
Canterbury

### 12. Otago

Otago Polytechnic

### 13. Southland

Southern  
Institute of  
Technology  
(SIT)



# Our locations

We have campuses right across the country – from the far north to the deep south.

# Study in Northland

NorthTec | Te Pūkenga is currently the Polytechnic for Northland, with the main campus located in Whangārei.

Whangārei is Te Tai Tokerau/Northland's largest city with a population of over 90,000 living in the Whangārei area. It is built around a beautiful harbour and is close to many wonderful beaches, marine reserves, and nature trails with waterfalls, ancient native forests and stunning scenery. It has a sub-tropical climate and is known as the 'winterless north' as it does not experience snow or sub-zero temperatures.

Whangārei has a good variety of retail and shopping outlets, galleries, cafes, restaurants and bars. The jewel in the crown is the Town Basin area — this picturesque international yachting marina is a popular meet up and hang out place for locals and tourists.

It now has the spectacular Hundertwasser Art Centre along with the Wairau Māori Art Gallery, water fountains, and a 4.2km sculpture trail around the inner harbour.

Whangārei's residents are fairly relaxed and casual. It has a growing multi-cultural community that is welcoming and supportive. These groups host vibrant and interactive events throughout the year to build friendships and connections.

Northland is the location of the signing of Te Tiriti o Waitangi in 1840 (New Zealand's founding document), and learners will get the opportunity to visit the Treaty grounds at Waitangi.



For more info visit [northtec.ac.nz/explore/international](http://northtec.ac.nz/explore/international)

# Study in Auckland

Unitec Institute of Technology | Te Pūkenga is currently the Institute of Technology for West Auckland, with the main campus located in Mount Albert.

Join thousands of international learners who call Tāmaki Makaurau, or Auckland, home. As New Zealand's largest city, Auckland has boundless opportunities to work, study and have fun, alongside exciting job and career opportunities in many sectors.

With an active multicultural community from across the world, Auckland's vibrant cultures are celebrated in art, theatre, music, and a host of spectacular cultural festivals.

Bordered by two spectacular harbours, Auckland is a modern, cosmopolitan city surrounded by

stunning and diverse natural landscapes. The region enjoys a warm, coastal climate and a central geographic location that provides a great balance for those students looking for the best in study, job and lifestyle options.

From world-class restaurants to casual picnics in the park, sipping coffees at one of many cafes, to hiking through the Waitākere Ranges, learning to surf at Piha Beach or visiting a museum or art gallery, Auckland is a thriving hub of activity, where visitors will never be short of things to do and see.



For more info visit [unitec.ac.nz/international](http://unitec.ac.nz/international)

# Study in Auckland

Manukau Institute of Technology | Te Pūkenga is currently the Institute of Technology for South Auckland, with the main campus located in Manukau.

As New Zealand's largest city Tamaki Makaurau Auckland is home to many cultures. The city embraces diversity and the values behind manaakitanga, helping to extend a welcome to thousands of international students every year.

As an economic hub Auckland's focus on innovation, creativity and its entrepreneurial spirit opens up a wide range of opportunities for skilled graduates in a number of sectors.

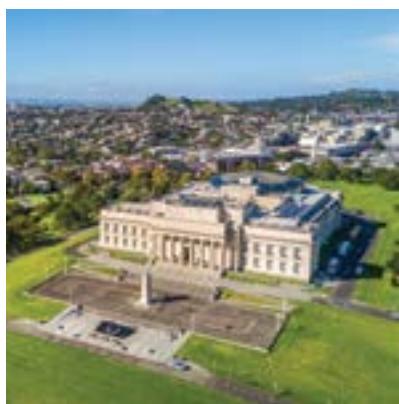
Home to nga iwi o Tamaki Makaurau (tribes of Auckland), Māoritanga can be seen, heard and felt wherever you are in the city.

Auckland is globally recognised as a multi-cultural city, welcoming those who have chosen

to make the city their home and this is reflected in the many cultural festivals and events on offer across the city and wider region.

There is something for everyone in Auckland with its wide range of fantastic restaurants, vibrant nightlife, theatre and art galleries. The city is host to a variety of international sporting and music events.

Well known for its urban footprint, Auckland is also home to a wide network of regional parks, incorporating bushwalks and hikes and culminating in magnificent harbours that have led to the city being widely known as the City of Sails.



For more info visit [manukau.ac.nz/study/international-students](http://manukau.ac.nz/study/international-students)

# Study in the Waikato

Waikato Institute of Technology (Wintec) | Te Pūkenga is currently the Institute of Technology for Waikato, with the main campus located in Hamilton.

The Waikato is New Zealand's beating heart. Centrally located in the upper North Island, only a short drive from Auckland, the Waikato is an ideal base from which to experience everything this great country has to offer.

The Waikato region's 10 districts and city sit at the heart of an area that is home to more than half of New Zealand's population. Its prime location and diverse economy are the springboard for innovation and boundless opportunities.

Pristine beaches, lush pastures, underground wonders, soaring volcanoes and a magnificent lake top the list when visiting the Waikato

region. The stunning environment, educational opportunities and community networks add up to a great place to work, live, play and grow.

The Waikato has a can-do culture that grows and celebrates success. It's a powerful incubator for new thinking, high performance and a genuinely rewarding lifestyle. The welcoming Waikato community helps visitors from around the world feel right at home so they can make the most of world-class educational and recreational opportunities.



For more info visit [wintec.ac.nz/international](http://wintec.ac.nz/international)

# Study in Bay of Plenty

Toi Ohomai Institute of Technology | Te Pūkenga is currently the Institute of Technology for the Bay of Plenty, with the main campuses located in Tauranga and Rotorua.

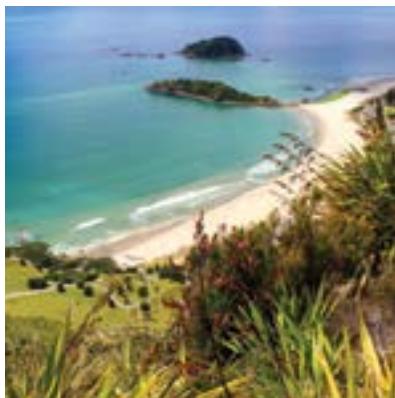
The Bay of Plenty is known for its pristine long white sand beaches, (some of the most famous strips in New Zealand) as well as an abundance of walking, tramping and mountain biking tracks that offer great outdoor adventures. The region is also home to Mount Maunganui, a dormant volcano that has become an iconic landmark.

Rotorua is famous for its geothermal parks that are home to steaming vents, spouting geysers and bubbling mud pools. Māori settlers have lived in this region for over 200 years, giving effect to why it is known as the Cultural Capital of New Zealand. Rotorua is certainly one of the best places to experience Māori traditional customs, practices and beliefs.

Rotorua has internationally acclaimed mountain biking tracks and is known to be one of the best mountain biking destinations in the world. That's why Crankworx Rotorua, an annual mountain biking festival and world competition, draws the best of the best to the region.

Rotorua and Tauranga are part of the Bay of Plenty region and are safe, friendly places to live, study and play. The cost of living is lower here than in bigger cities like Wellington and Auckland.

Economic and population growth has led to a noticeable increase in construction and engineering opportunities. The Bay of Plenty region is also renowned for its horticulture, with large orchards and crop fields providing ample opportunities for seasonal work.



 **1,930**  
International Students

 **32**  
Nationalities

 **150**  
programmes

Qualifications  
from Certificate  
to Master's Degree

\* Figures shown are 2019 (pre-covid) data

## Location



For more info visit [toiohomai.ac.nz](http://toiohomai.ac.nz)

# Study in Hawke's Bay and the East Coast

Eastern Institute of Technology (EIT) | Te Pūkenga is currently the Institute of Technology for Hawke's Bay and the East Coast, with the main campus located in Hawke's Bay. EIT also have campuses in Gisborne and Auckland.

## About Napier and Hawke's Bay

Cycle trails, wineries, rivers and beaches make it easy to have fun in Napier, Hastings and the Hawke's Bay region.

Hawke's Bay is home to 200 kilometres of combined cycling trails making it one of the best ways to appreciate the beauty of this region and everything it has to offer.

Napier's Art Deco Festival draws visitors from around the world, as does the outdoor concert at Mission Estate Winery.

Enjoy the range of bars and cafes to meet friends and other learners off-campus.

## About Gisborne

A relaxed coastal city, Gisborne is the first place in the world to see the rising sun of a new day. The city is famous for its beaches, sunshine and surfing, but has many other hidden gems including the world-class Tupapa Heritage Trail, East Cape Lighthouse, and the magnificent Te Maro Sculpture.

If you like to listen to live music, join 30,000 other locals and visitors at the popular annual Rhythm and Vines festival.



 **1,450**  
International Students

 **45**  
Nationalities

 **186**  
programmes

Qualifications  
from Certificate  
to Master's Degree

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## Location



For more info visit <https://www.eit.ac.nz/campus/international-students/>

# Study in Whanganui and Manawatū

Universal College of Learning (UCOL) | Te Pūkenga is currently the Institute of Technology and Polytechnic for the central and lower North Island of New Zealand, the main campus is located in Palmerston North.

Palmerston North is the lively, multi-cultural heart of the Manawatū-Whanganui region. It boasts national and global companies, start-ups, world-class research and educational institutions, and central and local government agencies; it is an established business ecosystem that is connected to the world.

Travel one hour north from Palmerston North and you enter the boutique city of Whanganui with its growing economy and thriving arts scene; many artists and creatives have chosen to make Whanganui home. Nestled on the banks of the beautiful Whanganui River, the city is rich in history, culture, and a diverse natural environment.

Travel two hours south from Palmerston North over the Tararua ranges and you come to the stunning region of Wairarapa, famous for its wineries, artisan foods, and beautiful landscapes. From Masterton, the main town of the region, it is a one hour drive — or you can catch the train — to explore New Zealand's capital city, Wellington.

It's easy to balance study and life and get out and explore the region.



For more info visit [ucol.ac.nz/international-students](http://ucol.ac.nz/international-students)

# Study in Taranaki

Western Institute of Technology at Taranaki (WITT) | Te Pūkenga is currently the Institute of Technology for Taranaki, with the main campus located in New Plymouth.

Taranaki is a beautiful region, situated on the west coast of the North Island of New Zealand. With a population of just over 100,000 people, Taranaki is the 10th largest region by population for New Zealand and is the centre for energy production, particularly oil and gas, and for dairy farming.

Geographically, Taranaki has a unique setting going from world renown surf beaches in its west, through the fertile green countryside to the exquisitely shaped Mount Taranaki in the region centre.

Lonely Planet has published Taranaki as the second-best region in the world to visit, and it singles out Mount Taranaki's Pouakai Crossing one-day walk and the Govett-Brewster Art Gallery and Len Lye Centre as the region's unmissable experiences.

Taranaki also offers plenty of parks and gardens, walking and hiking trails and adventure, sport and recreational activities. Being New Zealand's sunniest region in 2021 certainly gives you plenty of opportunity to enjoy all that Taranaki has to offer.



For more info visit [witt.ac.nz/international-students](http://witt.ac.nz/international-students)

# Study in Wellington

**Whitireia Community Polytechnic | Te Pūkenga and Wellington Institute of Technology | Te Pūkenga** are currently the Institute of Technology and Polytechnic for the Wellington region, with the main campuses located in Wellington and Porirua.

Wellington is known as the Creative Capital of New Zealand. Wellington is home to some of New Zealand's top creative companies and IT innovation companies.

Wellington is also known as the Coolest Little Capital of the World, as we have a perfect combination of class, culture, and community. Great coffee, clubs and concerts and world-class food choices can be found on every street.

Over 80 different nationalities live in Wellington, making it one of the most diverse cities in New Zealand. You will find community activities and events to fit your tastes and lifestyle.

Wellington is in the middle of New Zealand and is considered as the gateway between the

North and South Island - essentially the heart of New Zealand.

You can explore the beauty of New Zealand from the centre: beaches, mountains, forests, national reserves are all within a few hours of travel.

Wellington is safe and clean and has topped the 'most livable city in the world' regularly (Deutsche Bank Index). Also, Wellington has been named a 'Safe Community' by the World Health Organisation. Many bicycle and walking trails and low levels of pollution allows a healthy, clean lifestyle.



 **1,313**  
International Students

 **43**  
Nationalities

 **154**  
programmes

Qualifications  
from Certificate  
to Master's Degree

## Location



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For more info visit [whitireiaweltec.ac.nz/international-students](http://whitireiaweltec.ac.nz/international-students)

# Study in Nelson and Marlborough

Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology (NMIT) is currently the Institute of Technology for Nelson and Marlborough of New Zealand, with the main campus located in Nelson.

Our Nelson main campus is located in the vibrant city centre. Nelson records the highest annual sunshine hours of any city in New Zealand – it truly feels as if you are living in a holiday destination in Nelson city. This location provides quick and easy access to cafes, bars and shopping in Nelson city, while being convenient for those seeking to relax on the city beach or walk the picturesque riverside and hill trails within the city. In addition, with an enviable lifestyle, Nelson attracts high tech international and national businesses who provide excellent career prospects.

Our Marlborough campus is located in the town of Blenheim, nestled amongst mountain ranges, fertile plains and intricate waterways. The Marlborough region produces around 80 percent of New Zealand's wine grapes. Marlborough wine is world renowned and exported globally. The Marlborough campus primarily offers international students a viticulture and winemaking degree and aviation engineering.



For more info visit [nmit.ac.nz/study/study-in-new-zealand/study-abroad-and-student-exchange](http://nmit.ac.nz/study/study-in-new-zealand/study-abroad-and-student-exchange)

# Study in the West Coast

Tai Poutini Polytechnic | Te Pūkenga is currently the Institute of Technology for the West Coast of New Zealand, with the main campus located in Greymouth.

Nestled between the Southern Alps and the Tasman Sea, Greymouth is the perfect base from which to explore the natural wonderland of the West Coast. When you're not studying, you'll be able to explore New Zealand's famed glaciers, be taken back in time in prehistoric caves, walk rugged beaches, trek some of the country's most pristine mountain tracks or experience kayaking or rafting mountain rivers.

Stretching 600km from Kahurangi Point in the north to Awarua Point in the south, the region is home to scenic wonders, with wild coastlines, rugged mountains, native bush and rainforest. Known as Te Tai o Poutini, the region has a strong cultural history and is the source of much

of New Zealand's pounamu (greenstone), as well as being home to many historic gold rush towns where people sought their fortune from the land. The West Coast offers a host of lifestyle and outdoor attractions. Greymouth is right in the heart of the stunning West Coast landscape and offers opportunities for a wide range of activities including fishing, surfing, tramping, kayaking, skiing and mountaineering. There are also some great local shops, craft options and places to eat out and relax. West Coasters love their sport, and our many sports clubs are always keen to welcome new members. There's no better place to be a learner than on the West Coast!



For more information visit [www.tpp.ac.nz](http://www.tpp.ac.nz)

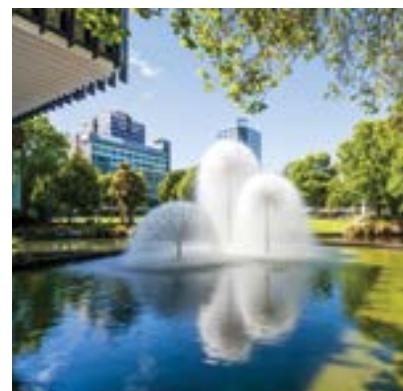
# Study in Canterbury

Ara Institute of Canterbury | Te Pūkenga is currently the Institute of Technology for the Canterbury region, with the main campus located in Christchurch.

Canterbury is a vibrant, thriving and very beautiful region of New Zealand, located on the East Coast of the South Island.

Its main city is Christchurch with a population of nearly 400,000 people. Surrounded by the sea, hills, mountains and lakes, Christchurch offers a great lifestyle, affordable living and close proximity to stunning scenery and world-class adventure activities. The city itself boasts hundreds of parks and green spaces, including spectacular Hagley Park which hosts numerous outdoor concerts, festivals and events every year. The central city is packed with great cafes, restaurants, retail precincts and specialist food and craft markets, plus many opportunities to enjoy art, entertainment and culture.

Further down the East Coast, but still in the Canterbury region is the city of Timaru with a population of 48,000. Timaru and South Canterbury offer fantastic cultural and recreational opportunities ranging from horse trekking, skiing and salmon fishing to wineries, art galleries, museums and even an internationally renowned observatory. Living in Timaru is easy and affordable – the average commute is just seven minutes, rent and house prices are significantly lower than in the main centres and residents enjoy an enviable work-life balance.



For more info visit [ara.ac.nz/study/priority-learner-groups/international](http://ara.ac.nz/study/priority-learner-groups/international)

# Study in Otago

Otago Polytechnic | Te Pūkenga is currently the Polytechnic for the Otago region, with the main campus located in Dunedin. Otago Polytechnic also has a campus located in Auckland.

Otago's stunning scenery includes the inland ranges and basins of Central Otago, the southern peaks of the Southern Alps, coastal lowlands, and hill country. Dunedin is the region's largest city.

Dunedin is the student capital of New Zealand and one of the country's best centres of learning. There's an energetic student culture here which welcomes you with open arms. Dunedin is urban, artistic and innovative – and a safe, friendly place to study. It's big enough to cater for all tastes and small enough to make you feel cosy and at home.

With craft breweries, restaurants, sustainable grocers, bakeries and cafes, you'll always find

something delicious to eat. You'll never be lost for something to do with plenty of great shopping, awesome gigs, theatres, art galleries and museums. Plus, you can check out a range of international cultural experiences, festivals, and major sporting and music events.

If you want to escape city living, you're surrounded by spectacular scenery, sandy beaches, mountains and trails. Head out surfing, mountain biking or hiking one day then visit some of the world's rarest wildlife around Dunedin's peninsula the next.



For more info visit [op.ac.nz/explore/international-students](http://op.ac.nz/explore/international-students)

# Study in Southland

**Southern Institute of Technology (SIT) | Te Pūkenga** is currently the Institute of Technology for the Southland region, with the main campus located in Invercargill. SIT also has campuses located in Auckland and Queenstown.

Southland (Murihiku) is New Zealand's southern most province and is a region of rich natural contrasts, beauty and wildlife. Expanding over 30,000km, Southland is home to New Zealand's longest coastline. The population of Southland numbers around 100,000 people who have an international reputation for being incredibly hospitable to visitors coming to the region.

Invercargill (Waihopai), the capital city of Southland, has a population of 55,000 and is situated on the southern coast of New Zealand. It is a flat, spacious place, where it is easy to find your way around and enjoy a variety of shops, restaurants and cafes. Accommodation and living costs are considerably lower than in other major cities in New Zealand.

Invercargill is the gateway to popular tourist destinations such as Queenstown, Te Anau, Doubtful Sound, Milford Sound and The Catlins. Southland is also just a flight or short boat ride away from Stewart Island.

The city is known as the City of Water and Light as Invercargill experience long summer days and frequent sightings of the Southern Lights (Aurora Australis) and as the city is positioned alongside the Waihopia river and estuary.

With stunning gardens and great walks, multi-day hiking and numerous mountain biking trails, expansive beaches, internationally-acclaimed fishing spots and an abundance of wildlife, Invercargill and Southland provide truly unique experiences.



For more info visit [sit.ac.nz/international](http://sit.ac.nz/international)



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# Course offerings and fees

Te Pūkenga offers qualifications across a wide range of professional vocational and applied subjects which are industry and employment-focused, from certificate through to doctorate level.

## Who is this information for?

This information sheet is for people who have not had an international student visa approved in the past. It tells you what we need to assess your application as quickly as possible.

This information sheet helps you submit a student visa application with the information and evidence the immigration officer needs to assess your application. Following the advice in this document will help your application to be processed faster. It does not guarantee an approval.

In some cases, an Immigration Officer may request information from you as part of their assessment that is not detailed in this sheet. They are not obliged to do this. Make sure you submit all the information we need to assess your international student visa application.

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## How to apply

Apply for your student visa online at: [Applying for your visa online | Immigration New Zealand \(immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/preparing-a-visa-application/the-application-process/applying-for-a-visa-online\)](https://immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/preparing-a-visa-application/the-application-process/applying-for-a-visa-online)

A guide is also available to help you prepare your application.

## When to apply

We recommend applying four months in advance of your intended travel but this will not be possible for everyone. There is no deadline for your application, but you should allow **at least** eight weeks for visa processing.

For recent student visa processing times visit: [Visa processing times for international students \(immigration.govt.nz/assist-migrants-and-students/assist-students/international-markets/visa-processing-times-international-students\)](https://immigration.govt.nz/assist-migrants-and-students/assist-students/international-markets/visa-processing-times-international-students)

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## Important

### Translations

You must provide a certified translation of all police certificates if they are not in English.

Please provide English translations of supporting documents and copies of the original untranslated documents so we can process your application faster.

For more information visit: [Translating supporting documents into English \(immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/preparing-a-visa-application/english-language/translating-supporting-documents-into-english\)](https://immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/preparing-a-visa-application/english-language/translating-supporting-documents-into-english)

## Information we need

You **must** provide the following mandatory information with your international student visa application.



### An offer of place from a New Zealand education provider



### A copy of the identity pages in your current passport

This should be the passport you intend to use to travel to New Zealand on.

Make sure you have scanned the whole bio-data page and include the machine-readable zone (MRZ) at the bottom of the page.



### Tuition fees evidence

Provide evidence you:

- › have paid your tuition fees in full for one year or one programme (whichever is shorter), or
- › have money available to pay your tuition fees if you are outside New Zealand and wish to use the Approval in Principle route, or
- › are exempt from paying fees and your provider has confirmed this, or
- › are an aviation student who meets the *fees by instalment* requirements. Only eligible aviation students can pay tuition by instalment. Check with your aviation training provider to see if you are eligible.

#### Evidence of tuition fee payment:

- › evidence you have paid your tuition fees is a receipt of payment or confirmation from your education provider. Screenshots of bank transfers or receipts from education agents are not acceptable.

#### Approval in Principle

- › if you are outside New Zealand when you apply for your visa you can choose to pay your tuition fees after your visa has been approved in principle (AIP). You must provide a tuition fee receipt after your application has been AIP to have your visa granted.
- › AIP deadlines are usually 5 days, 10 days for India. If you need longer, request an extension from the Immigration Officer as soon as possible. If the AIP deadline is missed, the application will likely be declined.
- › You do not have to use AIP. You can pay your tuition fees up front for faster processing, but you must provide evidence of the source of funds that made the tuition fee payment.



### **Evidence you have enough money to live on and proof of where this money has come from**

The money must be genuinely available for you to use to pay your living costs while you are in New Zealand and be from a source that we can confirm. You will need:

- › NZD \$20,000 per year if you are studying tertiary, English language, or other non-school study or NZD \$1,667 per month if your study will be shorter than 1 year or
  - › NZD \$17,000 per year if you are studying primary, intermediate or secondary school (years 1-13 at a school) or NZD \$1,417 per month if your study will be shorter than 1 year.
- Accommodation costs, such as homestay, that have been pre-paid to the school can be deducted.

Evidence you have enough money could include:

- › money held by you or on your behalf
- › evidence of a scholarship
- › evidence held as part of the Funds Transfer Scheme (FTS). This is only available to students from China, India, Sri Lanka, and Philippines.
- › a financial undertaking by a non-New Zealander – use the [Financial Undertaking for a Student form \(INZ 1014\) \(immigration.govt.nz\)](#) ([immigration.govt.nz/documents/forms-and-guides/inz1014.pdf](http://immigration.govt.nz/documents/forms-and-guides/inz1014.pdf))
- › a sponsorship by a New Zealander, a New Zealand residence class visa holder, or a New Zealand organisation – use the [Sponsorship Form for Temporary Entry \(INZ 1025\) \(immigration.govt.nz\)](#) ([immigration.govt.nz/documents/forms-and-guides/inz1025.pdf](http://immigration.govt.nz/documents/forms-and-guides/inz1025.pdf))

For more information on money and examples of the evidence we need, see 'Supporting information' and 'Examples of evidence' later in the information sheet.



### **Evidence you have enough money to leave New Zealand**

Evidence can be a fully paid ticket out of New Zealand or evidence you have enough extra money to buy a ticket.



### **Evidence of your health and character**

Depending on how long you plan to stay in New Zealand and the countries you have previously spent time in, you may also need to:

- › visit a panel physician for a chest x-ray and/or a medical examination to show that you are healthy. To find out if you need to do this visit: [Who needs an x-ray or medical exam \(immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/preparing-a-visa-application/medical-info/when-you-need-an-x-ray-or-medical-examination\)](#)
- › provide a police certificate (or certificates) – and a certified translation if it is not in English – to show you are still of good character. To find out if you need to provide this visit: [Who needs to provide police certificates \(immigration.govt.nz/new-zealand-visas/preparing-a-visa-application/character-and-identity/when-you-need-a-police-certificate\)](#)

## Supporting information and evidence

We strongly recommend you provide the following supporting information with your visa application.

It will help us process your application faster, and will help us to decide if you:

- › are a genuine applicant
- › are not likely to stay in New Zealand for longer than your visa allows
- › are not likely to breach the conditions of your visa
- › will leave New Zealand if you cannot get another visa.



**A cover letter or statement of purpose** that explains why you want to study in New Zealand and provides information about you. This should be written by you – not your agent or licensed immigration advisor.

It should include:

- › an outline of your study plans
- › the reasons you chose this education provider and course
- › an idea of what you want to do once you have finished your study. Be honest, if you want to apply for a different type of visa after study, such as a post study work visa, then declare this.
- › details of education and training you have completed in the past or are currently studying, including if you have started your course from outside of New Zealand
- › information about what you were doing during any gaps in your recent education or work history. If gaps were due to the pandemic, please explain this.
- › information on how you are paying for your study, including:
  - a summary of the evidence you are providing with your application and where this money has come from. It must show that this money is genuinely available for you to use while you are in New Zealand.
  - an explanation of how you will pay for your future years if you plan to study in New Zealand for longer than one year (we call this a funding plan). Please include evidence to back this up. For example, if parents are supporting future years include their salary and employment information.
- › if you are supported by a financial guarantor or sponsor, provide evidence of how you are related to them.

\* While it is not mandatory to provide a cover letter it helps us to assess your application faster. If you do not provide one, we may not have enough information to determine if you are a genuine applicant.



A copy of each page of your current passport with a visa label, exit stamp, entry stamp, or cancellation stamp on it. If these are in a previous passport, provide copies from that passport.

If your travel has only been recorded electronically, provide a summary of your international travel history.



A copy of any letters you have received for declined visa applications for other countries and the reasons you were declined.

## ■ PAKISTAN

### **Evidence of having money available**

Pakistani applicants should include **at least three months** of financial history. If the student or agent wishes to provide more, we recommend six months.

- › Evidence must be in your name or the name of your financial guarantor or sponsor.
- › Do not include evidence that we cannot confirm as genuine.
- › We can accept education loans as evidence of money, but only if they are from a nationalised or multi-national banks with security against fixed assets that belong to you or your financial guarantor or sponsor.
- › You must provide evidence of how you will repay the loan, and a loan sanction letter that states the security, moratorium period, interest payable, repayments, and details of the security accepted for the loan.
- › We can accept public and employee provident fund accounts as evidence, but only if they are supported by documents confirming employment.

## ■ SRI LANKA

Sri Lankan applicants should include **at least three months** of financial history. If the student or agent wishes to provide more, we recommend six months.

### **Evidence of having money available**

- › Evidence must be in your name or the name of your financial guarantor or sponsor.
- › Do not include evidence that we cannot confirm as genuine.
- › We can accept education loans as evidence of money, but only if they are from a nationalised or multi-national banks with security against fixed assets that belong to you or your financial guarantor or sponsor.
- › You must provide evidence of how you will repay the loan, and a loan sanction letter that states the security, moratorium period, interest payable, repayments, and details of the security accepted for the loan.
- › We can accept public and employee provident fund accounts as evidence, but only if they are supported by documents confirming employment.

### **Pre-application document verification**

Before you apply for your visa, you can use the International Organization for Migration (IOM) Sri Lanka to verify the authenticity of your Sri Lankan documents.

The IOM will provide us with a verification report directly. Using IOM is not mandatory but can help us to process your application faster. Please include the receipt with your application.

## ■ VIETNAM

### **Evidence of identity**

- › Household registration book. We know that these are being phased out but if you have a Household registration book include it in your application.

# Next steps

Ready to start your New Zealand study adventure?

Follow our five step guide for studying with SILLY NEW ZEALAND:

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1

## Choose what to study

We will help to select a programme and course in a location that suits you.

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2

## Plan your budget

Understand your fees and expected living costs to know how much money you will need. We will help you to structure the finance requirements to apply the visa.

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3

## We will get you the university offer

Find out what you need to prepare your application.

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4

## Apply for your visa

Find out whether you're eligible for a student visa in New Zealand and apply through Immigration New Zealand.

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5

## Get ready to go

Decide on travel, insurance and accommodation, then head off on your adventure.

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To find your programme of study in your ideal location, visit [www.skilly.co.nz](http://www.skilly.co.nz)

