

New Zealand Certificate in Financial Services (Level 5) [Version 2] (Investment)

The New Zealand Certificate in Financial Services (Level 5) (Investment) is the qualification for you if you need to meet the regulatory competency requirements for giving financial advice, or you want to advance to specialist roles and enhance your skills and knowledge within retail and personal services areas of the financial services industry. It is delivered by distance, so if you're already working in the industry you won't need to give up your job to get ahead in your career.

Qualification code NZ2315

Level > 5	Credits > 65
Workload >	Allow 10-12 hours of study per credit. Your workload may be higher around assessment due dates
Study type >	Open
Cost >	See the qualification page on the website.
Student loan >	You can get a student loan for this qualification if you meet the criteria. Visit studylink.govt.nz for more information.

Career Opportunities

This qualification will prepare you for a career in the financial advising sector in a range of roles including investment adviser, paraplanner, investment adviser support or business development manager.

How to apply

Go to the choose courses tab on the programme page on our website. If you're enrolling in this programme for the first time, select FSC521 and click add to enrolment plan. You'll be taken through our step-by-step enrolment process, which you can save and exit from at any time.



Qualification structure

This programme is made up of two general courses (FSC521 and FSC522) that are part of all strands. The third course that must be completed to achieve the qualification is the specialist course for your chosen strand.

You can do more than one strand if you choose.

To meet the competency requirements of Standard 8 of the Code of Professional Conduct for Financial Advice Services you must complete the strand that is most relevant to the type of product you advise on. If you provide advice on more than one type of product, you must complete each of the strands most relevant to all those products. Visit the programme page on our website for more information.

Course Code	Course Name	Credits
COMPULSORY COURSES – COMPLETE ALL COURSES		
FSC521	The Financial Services Industry	15
FSC522	The Regulatory Framework	20
FSC523	Investments	30

Entry requirements

To enrol in this programme you need to have:

- a minimum of eight NCEA Level 2 credits in English, four in writing and four in reading, or
- be able to show equivalent knowledge or skills relevant to all those products.

20 Years old or over

If you are 20 years of age or over and do not hold the minimum entry requirements you will be eligible to be enrolled where your previous educational, work or life experience indicates you have a reasonable likelihood of success.

English language

International students must also have an IELTS (Academic) score of 5.5 with no band score lower than 5.0, or equivalent.

Domestic students for whom English or Māori is not their first language must also have an IELTS (Academic) score of 5.5 with no band score lower than 5.0, or equivalent.

Visit openpolytechnic.ac.nz/englishlanguage to view our English language criteria.

Computer and online access

This programme is delivered 100% online. To complete this programme you will need access to a laptop or desktop computer, reliable broadband internet connection and a data plan able to support online learning such as streaming of videos (including YouTube), downloading content, and writing and submitting online assessments. If you are unsure if your current computer or internet access allows you to complete your online learning with us, please contact us before applying to enrol.

Visit openpolytechnic.ac.nz/online to view our online learning and study tools.

International students and domestic students living overseas

You can study this programme part-time if you're an international student living in New Zealand or overseas. If you're living in New Zealand you will need to be in paid employment with a valid work permit.

You can also study this programme if you're a New Zealand citizen living overseas.

Learn more about studying as an international student openpolytechnic.ac.nz/study-with-us/distance-learning-with-us/international-students