

New Zealand Certificate in Foundation Skills (Level 2)

This qualification prepares you for study at higher levels. You can get 60 NCEA Level 2 credits by completing this qualification. You can then progress to Level 3 study, including Open Polytechnic's New Zealand Certificate in Study and Career Preparation.

Qualification code NZ2862

Level > 2	Credits > 60
Workload >	For each credit allow about 10 hours of study.
Study type >	Open
Cost >	See the qualification page on the website.
Student loan >	Student loans or allowances are not available for this qualification. Visit studylink.govt.nz for more information.

Career Opportunities

Can lead to further study at Level 3 or Level 4 and could also lead to employment opportunities.

How to apply

Go to the enrol in courses tab on the qualification page on our website. You'll be taken through our step-by-step enrolment process, which you can save and exit from at any time. A student advisor will contact you to discuss your study requirements and guide you through the enrolment process.

Qualification structure

This qualification is made up of four courses. FOU205 Get Started, FOU206 Get Sorted, FOU207 Get Involved, FOU208 Get Going.



Entry requirements

To enrol in this programme you need to have 60 credits, including 10 literacy and numeracy credits at NCEA Level 1, or equivalent. If you are studying this programme you are only able to enrol in one course at a time.

Course Code	Course Name	Credits
COMPULSORY COURSES ALL COURSES ARE REQUIRED		
FOU205	Get Started	15
FOU206	Get Sorted	15
FOU207	Get Involved	15
FOU208	Get Going	15

20 years old or over

If you are 20 years of ages 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.

Computer and online access

You will study via paper based materials sent to you by courier. You will be supported by a tutor who will maintain regular contact with you. You will not need access to a computer to complete this qualification.

English language requirements

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

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

Literacy assessment

When you enrol in this qualification, you will need to complete the Adult Literacy and Numeracy Assessment.

This assessment is a requirement from the Tertiary Education Commission for all Level 1 to 2 qualifications. You will need to do it when you start your studies, and again during your study time.

There is no pass or fail for the assessment. When you finish you can see a visual report with your results. Your tutor will use your results from the first assessment to find out what support you may need.

How you will do the assessment

After you fill in your online enrolment application we will email you a link to this assessment.

If you do not have access to a computer:

You can take this test in a public library, or a paper-based test may be administered under special conditions.

We will email you your second assessment before the end of your study time.

If you would like more information please get in touch with us on freephone 0508 650 200.

International students and domestic students living overseas

This programme is not available for international students living in New Zealand, or overseas, or domestic students living overseas.

Related Qualifications

Visit the qualification page on our website for more information or you can talk to us about your options.