

Graduate Certificate in Sustainable Management

You can make a difference to the world with an Open Polytechnic Graduate Certificate in Sustainable Management. This graduate certificate will help you advance your career by giving you practical skills in environmental law and management. You'll learn how to analyse environmental issues and find out how environmental management assists with sustainability. This graduate certificate is also a stepping stone to the Graduate Diploma in Sustainable Management, which will enable you to complete a research project in an environmental area of your interest.

Qualification code OP7213

Level > 7

Credits > 60

Workload >

Allow 10-12 hours of study per credit. Your workload may be higher around assessment due dates

Study type >

Trimester

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 as a policy analyst, resource manager or environmental educator in central or local government, public interest groups or private sector organisations.

How to apply

Go to the choose courses tab on the qualification page on our website. Select the course(s) that you want to study 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

You need to successfully complete three courses to achieve this qualification. If this is your first enrolment, we recommend you begin your studies with one course. Visit the qualification page on our website and click on each course for a full description and availability.

Course Code	Course Name	Credits
CHOOSE ONE COURSE BELOW		
72292	Resource Management Act and Local Government Act	20
72293	Conservation and Natural Resources Law	20
72294	Environmental Monitoring and Reporting	20
72296	Environmental Impact Assessment	20
73213	Research Methods and Interpretation	20
CHOOSE TWO COURSES BELOW		
72392	Environmental Management Systems and Strategies	20
72395	Environment and the Economy	20
72396	Environmental Perspectives and the Media	20

Entry requirements

You can apply for admission into this programme if you have an undergraduate degree or at least 5 years' experience in an environmental role.

If you have achieved the Open Polytechnic Bachelor of Applied Science (Environment) or a similar qualification, you will be unable to study the Graduate Certificate in Sustainable Management (Level 7). Please contact the programme leader to discuss your eligibility before applying to enrol.

What you will learn

When you achieve this qualification you will have an industry overview of the legislative and regulatory environments that govern development activities, including key management tools that are currently available to deal with a variety of environmental issues of significance in New Zealand.

Computer and online access

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.

English language requirements

International students must also have an IELTS (Academic) score of 6.0 with no band score lower than 5.5, or equivalent.

Domestic students for whom English or Māori is not their first language must also have an IELTS (Academic) score of 6.0 with no band score lower than 5.5, or equivalent.

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

International students and domestic students living overseas

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

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

Visit openpolytechnic.ac.nz/internationalstudent for more information about the special conditions and fees that you'll need to meet.

Recognising your previous learning

If you have work experience or a qualification in environment (or a related area), find out if your knowledge counts towards this qualification. You can do this by going to the ask an advisor tab on the qualification page on our website.

Study pathways

This qualification is your stepping stone into the Graduate Diploma in Sustainable Management which will build on the skills you've learnt and will enable you to complete a research project in an environmental area of your interest.