

# WEST COAST INDUSTRY READY LEVEL 3



## Work Ready. Industry Ready. Future Ready

*West Coast Industry Ready – Level 3 is designed to prepare students for employment, apprenticeships and further training across a wide range of industries including construction, civil infrastructure, engineering, forestry, mining, transport and manufacturing.*

Ideal for Year 13 students, or motivated Year 12 students ready to achieve Level 3 qualifications, this practical programme focuses on the core workplace skills that employers consistently look for. Students may have previously completed a Level 2 Trades Academy programme, gained experience through Gateway or work placements, or simply have a strong interest in pursuing a career in industry.

Learning is hands-on and workplace focused. Students will develop practical skills in health and safety, risk assessment, machinery operation and workplace communication while gaining industry-recognised qualifications. The programme includes forklift operator training and licensing, along with practical experience using workplace equipment and following industry-standard procedures.

This programme provides an excellent foundation for apprenticeships, employment and further vocational training across many of New Zealand's key industries.

### What you will learn:

- Workplace health and safety practices.
- Hazard identification and risk assessment.
- Toolbox meetings and workplace communication.
- Safe operation of machinery and equipment.
- Forklift operation and forklift licence.\*
- Basic machinery inspections and pre-start checks.
- Safe lifting and load handling techniques.
- Workplace problem-solving and teamwork.
- Professionalism, communication and employability skills.

\*Subject to meeting licensing requirements.

### Course details



**Vocational Pathway:**  
Construction and Infrastructure



**Credits:**  
Level 3  
Up to 25 credits



**Duration:**  
1 year programme preparing students for employment, apprenticeships and further vocational training

**Starts:** February 2027  
**Finishes:** November 2027



**Timetable:**  
Greymouth 9am - 3pm  
Thursdays or Fridays (TBC)



**Provider:**  
Tai Poutini Polytechnic

### Employment options

- Construction labourer
- Civil infrastructure worker
- Engineering apprentice
- Manufacturing operator
- Forestry worker
- Mining operator
- Transport and logistics assistant
- Warehouse and distribution
- General industry trainee
- Forklift operator

### Further study options

- Apprenticeships across a wide range of trades
- New Zealand Certificate in Infrastructure Works
- New Zealand Certificate in Mechanical Engineering
- Primary Industries qualifications
- Construction and Civil Infrastructure qualifications
- Manufacturing and Engineering qualifications
- Transport and Logistics qualifications
- Further Level 3 and Level 4 vocational programmes