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Dyslexia Friendly

Plumbing pathways

Plumbing is a career that takes people many places... not just under the sink!



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Representing Excellence

It takes around five years to train towards a New Zealand Certificate in Plumbing, Drainlaying and Gasfitting.

Apprentices train on the job at a plumbing firm, and on block courses at a training provider.

A qualified and registered Tradesman Plumber, Drainlayer and/or Gasfitter is able to carry out a huge variety of work in both domestic and commercial settings—no two days the same.

They can also choose to further their qualifications to Certifying level, enabling them to supervise others and run their own business.

Or they may opt to specialise in a particular field, becoming experts in areas such as home heating, domestic fire sprinklers, sustainable plumbing, backflow prevention and wastewater treatment.

New technologies and processes mean plumbing is no longer all about getting your hands dirty. It is highly skilled, varied, profitable, rewarding... and future proof.

It is also in huge demand right now.

Career path options

The New Zealand Certificate in Plumbing, Drainlaying and Gasfitting can lead to a multitude of different career options, including:

- Tradesperson
- Sustainability assessor
- Business owner
- Hydraulics engineer
- Contracts manager
- Plumbing quantity surveyor
- Project manager
- Building services manager
- Plumbing designer
- Hydraulic services consultant
- Retail manager.



Getting started with Masterlink.

Masterlink is a group apprentice training scheme, owned by respected membership organisation Master Plumbers, Gasfitters and Drainlayers NZ.

Masterlink was established in 2002 to deliver top quality training in plumbing, gasfitting and drainlaying—and it's the best value too.

10 ways we help get apprentices started on a successful career:

1. Interview, screen and test the apprentice candidate
2. Recruit the apprentice and place them with a host plumbing firm for their on-job training
3. Pay the apprentice from day one, and manage all their PAYE, health & safety and HR
4. Provide a starter PPE and tool kit worth \$2,000 plus a yearly allowance for boots
5. Provide health and safety resources, including an apprentice app
6. Match the apprentice with a mentor, who supports them towards their New Zealand Certificate
7. Hold quarterly workplace appraisals to keep the apprentice's studies on track
8. Manage and pay the apprentice's polytechnic block course training, accommodation and travel
9. Pay the apprentice to become a Master Plumbers Apprentice member, with special deals, discounts and discounted training
10. Provide resources to support apprentices with dyslexia.