

ADVANCED NATIONAL CERTIFICATE IN HORTICULTURE

HANA TONGOHAU

– qualification achieved 2007



Hana left school at the age of fifteen and took up orchard work which she loved. At one point in time when Hana was considering her future, her father said he didn't think orchard work was a good career choice, he said "you will reach a

point where you will not be able to do the heavy work any more". Hana at this time was thinking about furthering her education to have some job security for the future.

Hana also wished to encourage her own children to take up further education, so took up the apprenticeship training to show them that she walked the talk.

"I learnt so much, and now I have finished the apprenticeship, I wish I could do it again cos I enjoyed it so much.

Its given me so many more choices of where I can advance to in the horticulture industry Right now I have so many choices, but want to continue furthering my education and work my way the job that I really want".

The Hawke's Bay Fruitgrowers' Association in conjunction with EIT Hawke's Bay and NZ Horticulture ITO are jointly offering an apprenticeship training scheme. New entrants will be offered permanent work with a grower/trainer.

The apprenticeship training scheme is for anyone involved in the fruit-growing industry and is an ideal way for growers to upskill their existing workers and is also a good way to get new entrants into the industry. Further study options are available on successful completion of this course of training.

The qualification is competitively priced to make it affordable for growers and workers and can lead to positions such as:

- foreman
- supervisor
- leading hand

You must be legally able to work in New Zealand to start this training.

Scholarships available

In support of this programme the HB Fruitgrower's Association offers scholarships to Apprentices.

Application forms can be downloaded at:
www.hbfruitgrowers.co.nz

Horticulture NZ also offer scholarships applicable to this programme and application form can be downloaded at:
www.hortnz.co.nz

Learn as you earn

What does this mean?

- You can gain credit for prior learning.
- You will gain (credits toward) the Advanced National Certificate in Fruit Production - level 4, while maintaining a full time job.
- While taking part in off-the-job learning sessions you meet and exchange ideas with other like minded people.
- You learn in the practical surrounds of a working environment.
- You learn in your own home, at EIT and at your workplace under the guidance of a skilled grower.
- You learn in a supported environment by friendly, qualified and experienced staff who are only a phone call, fax, visit or an email away.



Who can apply

There are no formal academic qualifications for entry to the programme. The requirements are motivation and a positive attitude towards horticulture.

How to apply

To receive an application pack, please contact...

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Industry Training
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DEAN ASTILL

(qualification achieved in 2001)

In 2005 Dean was successful in winning the National Young Horticulturist of the year competition and is now working for Delica as an Export Manager.

"I was employed as a cadet/apprentice on a large mixed fruit orchard. I became the foreman of the property at the age of 20 when I completed my National Certificate in Horticulture ...I later took on the management of the property!

Through my training and experiences, I've found the industry challenging but also very rewarding, it's full of exciting new technology and opportunities. It's a great career choice that gives lots of variety and opportunity."

Gary Wake, C A Wake Ltd.



Our company has trained several cadets over the last decade and have seen them come through, working toward becoming foreman on the orchard, and becoming assistant packhouse managers for us.

Its very rewarding seeing people coming fresh out of school or from other jobs to grow and develop their careers in the fruit industry.

There is a cost to training cadets but the benefits you see in your staff far outweigh any financial input. The Apprenticeship training gives a good all round qualification covering a wide range of learning on and off the Orchard. Its a very well run course and on completing, apprentices have a very good grounding for a career in the fruit industry.

Other Benefits

- Growers get a committed and interested worker who has an ambition to progress a career in the fruit industry.
- Workers/Students have opportunities to gain skills and knowledge that can convert into a formal qualification within the global fruit industry.
- Access to other EIT study programmes
- Computers • Library
- Student Card • Medical Care



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