

New Zealand Certificate in Animal Technology

Rural Animal Technician Strand

LEVEL 5



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NEW ZEALAND CERTIFICATE IN ANIMAL TECHNOLOGY

RURAL ANIMAL TECHNICIAN STRAND LEVEL 5

●● STRATEGIC PURPOSE STATEMENT

The purpose of this qualification is to prepare individuals as a rural animal technician by providing them with the skills, knowledge and attributes needed to help assist veterinarians in a rural veterinary practice.

This qualification is targeted at people with previous animal handling experience who wish to work in a veterinary related field or in a veterinary clinic with rural animals.

The animal industry will benefit by having graduates qualified with skills to allow them to be ready to work in a veterinary clinic or independently as a rural animal technician, under the direction of a veterinarian.

●● GRADUATE PROFILE

Graduates of this qualification will be able to:

- Maintain the health and husbandry of animals in a rural environment
 - Perform technical tasks for the maintenance of animal health and welfare in the rural setting
 - Apply knowledge of pharmacology and current law, to dispense and administer animal remedies
 - Collect and/or test diagnostic samples and/or prepare samples for dispatch
 - Work in client business interface of animal related facility.
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●● EDUCATION PATHWAYS

This qualification may build on the New Zealand Certificate in Animal Management (Level 4) or the National Certificate in Education Achievement (Level 2) or the National Certificate in Education Achievement (Level 3).

●● EMPLOYMENT PATHWAY

Graduates of the rural animal technician strand will be able to assist a veterinarian in large animal or mixed practice and in the field or work independently as a rural animal technician.

●● ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

For the Rural Animal Technician strand:

Students should be able to demonstrate previous experience working with animals, and an aptitude for working with the public.

- Suitable experience includes: 3 or more days observing in a veterinary clinic for the technician strands or equivalent or stock handling experience on a farm.
- An aptitude for working with the public may include reference from an employer where the prospective student has worked with the public (e.g. retail), reference from a teacher attesting to social skills.

For those people entering this qualification the following entry requirements apply:

- Have completed 60 NCEA credits at level 2
- Have a minimum of 12 NCEA credits in English at Level 2 and 12 credits in Maths at level 1; and 12 credits of relevant science at level 1 or
- The equivalent tertiary study or
- Meet the education provider's requirements for the equivalent numeracy and literacy standards
- Or New Zealand Certificate in Animal Care Level 3.

●● FEES

Course fees apply contact us for more information.

* Subject to NZQA approval and TEC funding.