

# New Zealand Certificate in **Animal Technology**

Rural Animal Technician Strand  
(Full time and Part time)

**LEVEL 5**



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# NEW ZEALAND CERTIFICATE IN ANIMAL TECHNOLOGY (LEVEL 5) RURAL ANIMAL TECHNICIAN STRAND

## ●● STRATEGIC PURPOSE STATEMENT

The New Zealand Certificate in Animal Technology- Rural Animal Technician Strand (Level 5) training programme builds student skills and knowledge in the Production Animal and Veterinary Industry that they are either employed in or seeking employment in. It is a qualification for people with some experience in the Production Animal and Veterinary Industry, and on completion they will be able to apply their skills and knowledge to assist rural veterinarians in all facets of the role, or work independently as a rural animal technician.

There are no other qualifications embedded in this programme.

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## ●● 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

## ●● EDUCATION PATHWAYS

Learners may pathway to further study to achieve the following qualifications:

- New Zealand Certificate in Animal Technology (Level 5) Veterinary Nursing Assistant strand
- New Zealand Diploma in Veterinary Nursing (Level 6)

## ●● 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.

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## ●● 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

You may be eligible for Fees Free or course fees may apply. Contact us for more information. Programme approved for international students.