

# Apprenticeships

## Information sheet

# APPRENTICESHIP

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## The scheme

Having a clear qualification pathway, starting with an apprenticeship, helps make the mining and quarrying industry a more career attractive option. This is both for new entrants to the industry including school-leavers, or those already in the industry wanting to formalise their experience as qualifications.

MinEx, in conjunction with MITO (a division of Te Pūkenga), have brought together an exciting opportunity for those who want to take up an apprenticeship in the extractives sector. This apprenticeship scheme is for those who are either currently working within the mining or quarrying sectors, or who are about to take up employment in either sector.

## How it works

The pathway starts with MITO's [New Zealand Certificate in Mining and Quarrying \(Level 2\)](#). Apprentices will complete these introductory units over the first seven months if they have not already done so. This is likely to be conducted in the workplace and may just involve assessment of competency.

Graduates can then proceed to the New Zealand Certificate in Mining and Quarrying (Level 4) training programme. It is expected that this training programme will take 18 months to two years to complete and will involve workplace, e-learning, and block course work.

Apprentices will also complete most units toward an A or B-Grade Quarry Manager CoC, if they so wish, through this process.

## Commitment required

Any apprenticeship scheme can only work with strong support from employers. Employers must be committed to supporting their learner(s) through the training programme providing their learners with time off to attend the classroom training, or participate in workplace training, and pay the training fees associated with the apprenticeship.

Learners must be committed to completing the required elements of the training programme, which includes a mix of classroom and workplace-based training and assessment.



## Fees Free

Under the fees free scheme, those who qualify (check the criteria at [www.feesfree.govt.nz](http://www.feesfree.govt.nz)) get two years fees free for those in apprenticeships and other trade training.

## More questions?

If you still have questions, contact MITO on [info@mito.org.nz](mailto:info@mito.org.nz) or contact us at MinEx on [office@minex.org.nz](mailto:office@minex.org.nz)