



Training Opportunities Eligibility Criteria

Eligible people are:

1 Aged 18 or 19 years with low qualifications, and have left school in the last 6 months and are registered with Work and Income (**SL 18/19**);

or

2 Registered with Work and Income as an unemployed job seeker for at least 26 weeks, and have low qualifications (**WI_18+**);

or

3 Registered with Work and Income for fewer than 26 weeks, with low qualifications and assessed by Work and Income as being at risk of long-term employment (**ATRSK**);

This includes, but is not limited to, the following groups:

- DPT/WB in receipt of a benefit for more than a year
- People granted refugee status
- Youth aged 16-20 years registered unemployed for 13 weeks
- Job-seekers with a disability, numeracy, literacy or language barrier to employment
- Department of Corrections job seekers (recently released prisoners)
- People who have 40 or more credits on the NQF - IF
 - ~ they have less than 8 credits of literacy achievement standards, and/or
 - ~ they have less than 8 credits of numeracy achievement standards;

or

4 Registered with Work & Income as an unemployed job seeker for at least 26 weeks, with more than two School Certificate passes or 40 credits or more, who have been assessed by Work and Income as lacking foundation skills* (**FDSKLS**);

- This includes clients who lack English language skills, literacy and numeracy skills, basic work skills or who are unable to use their qualifications due to a disability. There is also an exception for Youth clients (aged 16-21) who can be referred if they have been registered as a job-seeker for 13 weeks.

or

5 People with refugee status, with higher qualifications, and who are registered with Work and Income (**REFUGEE**);

or

6 Youth Training learners who have participated in Youth Training in the last three months and have been granted approval by Skill New Zealand to enter Training Opportunities in order to complete their training* (**EXPT YT**);

- We expect that in most circumstances clients aged under 18 will be referred to Youth Training;

or

7 Aged under 18 years with low qualifications and have left or been exempted from school, registered with Work and Income, and granted approval by Skill New Zealand* (**SL 16/17**);

- We will grant approval on a case-by-case basis. In most cases learners under 18 years of age are referred to Youth Training programmes.

or

8 Learners re-entering the programme with six months retain eligibility if they have less than 240 credits (**ASSESTP**).

Note: When a learner leaves a programme with more than 40 credits, providers may need to remind the learner to re-enter training within six months or lose low qualifications eligibility.

*Documentation required: Depending on the criteria under which a student is eligible, proof may be a Work and Income letter of referral to Training Opportunities, a birth certificate, less and two School Certificate subjects or 39 credits or less achieved at Level 1.



Youth Training Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for Youth Training, you must be:

1. Aged under 18 years with low qualifications and have left or been exempted from school.
or
2. Aged 18 or over and have left school within the last 26 weeks with low qualifications.
or
3. Aged under 18 years, and enrolled with Workbridge and referred after an in-depth interview.
or
4. Aged under 18 and a refugee who has left the Mangere Refugee Centre or entered the country within the last year.
or
5. Aged under 18 and referred by Work and Income as a Youth client or registered unemployed for 13 weeks or more, and with no tertiary qualifications.
or
6. Aged under 18, have left or been exempted from school in 2003 or 2004, with higher qualifications (40 or more credits at level one on the NQF) but have NCEA results that show fewer than 8 credits in English achievement standards and/or fewer than 8 credits in Mathematics achievement standards.
or
7. A learner re-entering the programme within six months and have fewer than 240 credits.