

# Application Pack

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## New Zealand Certificate in Mechanical Engineering (Trade) (Level 4)

**With strands in Fitting and Machining, General Engineering, Machining, Maintenance Engineering, and Toolmaking**  
(NZ2714) 280-300 credits, version 1

## Your Experience: Our Qualifications

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### ***About the New Zealand Certificate in Mechanical Engineering (Trade)***

This qualification recognises the skills required to safely and independently perform engineering tasks within a chosen engineering trade discipline, to industry standards. Specific roles for each of the strands may include:

- Fitting and Machining strand - Fitter Turner, Fitter
- General Engineering strand - General Engineer
- Machining strand - Machinist
- Maintenance Engineering strand - Maintenance Engineer, Heavy Industrial Engineer, e.g. marine/rail/electrical
- Toolmaking strand - Toolmaker, Die Maker, Mould Maker

### ***English Language***

If English is not your first language, you may also be required to provide evidence of your English language skills as listed below. If you have no evidence of your English language skills and are a New Zealand citizen, resident or permanent resident, contact us.

- **IELTS 5.5 Academic** (no lower than 5.5 in any subtest).

This level of English is essential. If you are international and can demonstrate to us that your English is above this level we may accept you for assessment without an IELTS test.

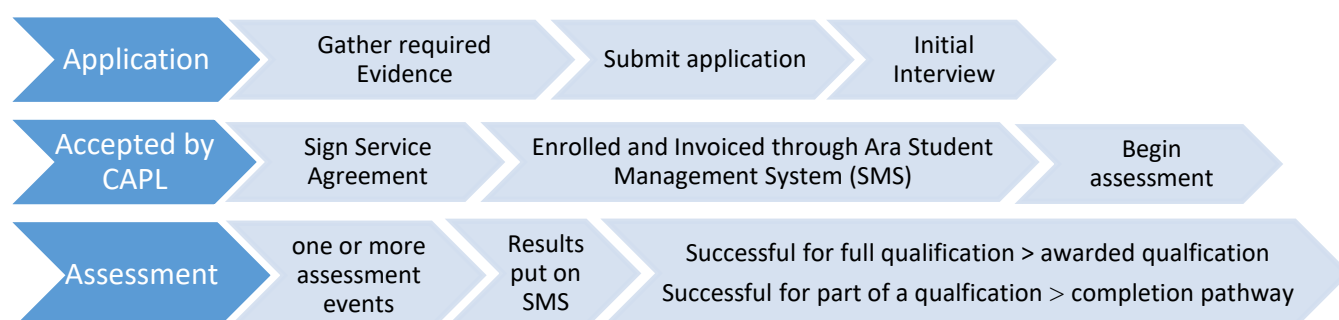
## About assessment

To achieve the New Zealand Certificate in Mechanical Engineering (Trade), Level 4 plus one strand you need to match all the outcomes of the graduate profile (page 4) for this qualification. This graduate profile is the knowledge and skills a student is expected to show after successfully completing an apprenticeship in this industry. To show that you have the required knowledge and skills our assessor will ask you questions, at least partially based on evidence you provide, during a series of meetings. He may visit you at your work, and may ask you to demonstrate skills if you have no other evidence. Assessment is integrated; the questions asked and practical demonstrations and workplace visit required will allow our assessor to judge whether you have achieved the graduate profile outcomes being assessed.

After your application is received, you will be contacted within the following fortnight for an initial interview with an assessor to discuss your application. If your application is accepted, you will be sent a service agreement. If you accept this, the assessor will contact you to work out an assessment schedule with you.

Assessment for the whole qualification usually takes 3-6 months. Should you fail any part of any assessment, you may need to undergo further assessment, or enrol in a course of study. Any costs associated with this are additional. If we consider

## Summary of Process



## Fee

**The cost of assessment for the full qualification (one strand) in 2019 is \$2346.00.** Any fees for enrolments required due to gaps in knowledge and skills are additional and not part of the CAPL process.

Fixed discounts may be available if evidence is provided of having already achieved a significant number of mechanical engineering unit standards or having achieved other relevant qualifications (with similar content).

**International Students** must pay in full within 30 days of receiving an Invoice from Ara; residents and New Zealand citizens have the option of paying by regular instalment (following a successful credit check).

## **Graduate Profile Evidence Requirements**

### **Graduates of this qualification will be able to:**

1. Apply an understanding of the relevant Health and Safety legislation and workplace safety culture in order to work safely and meet responsibilities in a commercial mechanical engineering environment
2. Interpret drawings and/or specifications and select and use the appropriate materials, processes, tools and equipment for the mechanical engineering task being undertaken
3. Apply knowledge of relevant engineering principles and practices, and problem solving skills, to perform engineering tasks to industry standards
4. Apply an understanding of effective and efficient processes and principles, and quality systems to the production of components and/or provision of services in a commercial mechanical engineering environment
5. Practise effective communication within a mechanical engineering team and the wider workplace
6. Recognise the limits of own ability and the importance of working with integrity and maintaining currency in the mechanical engineering field

### **Graduates of the *Fitting and Machining* strand will also be able to:**

- Build and install complex machines where both precision fitting and machining skills are required

### **Graduates of the *Machining* strand will also be able to:**

- Plan, sequence, and machine complex engineering components to a high degree of tolerance and finish, using current and relevant machining technologies and techniques

### **Graduates of the *General Engineering* strand will also be able to:**

- Build, maintain, and repair a broad range of machinery and equipment using fitting, machining, fabrication, hydraulics, pneumatics, and welding skills and knowledge

### **Graduates of the *Maintenance Engineering* strand will also be able to:**

- Apply knowledge of maintenance engineering strategies and practices to monitor, inspect, maintain and repair facilities or plant and equipment.

### **Graduates of the *Toolmaking* strand will also be able to:**

- Apply knowledge of tool design and function to manufacture tooling for relevant industrial processes, using current and relevant manufacturing technologies and techniques

***If you choose more than one strand, the fee will be higher than that listed above for a single strand qualification.***

## Specific Evidence Requirements Tables

**Please look through all the tables below first before beginning to outline your evidence. These completed tables form part of your application.**

**For each graduate outcome on the following pages please:**

- A. Tick the boxes for the outcome requirements you know or have skills in, and can provide evidence for.
- B. In the *Evidence you can provide* column, write the number equivalent to the type of evidence you can give for each **outcome requirement** from the numbers below (use as many numbers (types of evidence) as you can).

**1**

Talk about this with the assessor

**2**

Provide written or photo evidence

**3**

Provide proof from an employer

**4**

Demonstrate this

For example for Outcome 2, 1st requirement: **Can you:** ☐ **Produce and read engineering sketches** you might put 1, 2, 3, 4 **or** 1, 4, or another combination.

**Be prepared to supply your supporting evidence.** The same evidence can be used for more than one outcome. This evidence can include relevant courses undertaken and workplace responsibilities (e.g. Site Safe Passport, Health and Safety officer, welding ticket/procedure), photos, employer attestations/references, etc.

Graduate Profile Outcomes	Evidence you can provide
<b>1. Apply an understanding of Health and Safety legislation and workplace safety</b>	
<b>Do you:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Explain your own responsibilities in the workplace under relevant current Acts and Regulations <input type="checkbox"/> Explain why and how you guard machines <input type="checkbox"/> Work safely and contribute to a safe workplace <input type="checkbox"/> Explain how to identify, assess and control hazards; and isolate, report on, and audit machines <input type="checkbox"/> Explain what Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is and what PPE is required by your industry	
<b>2. Interpret drawings and/or specifications &amp; select and use appropriate materials, processes, tools and equipment</b>	
<b>Can you:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Produce and read engineering sketches <input type="checkbox"/> Produce and read simple component drawings <input type="checkbox"/> Explain limits and fits, and geometrical tolerancing <input type="checkbox"/> Calculate and use mechanical engineering units of measurement (Metric) <input type="checkbox"/> Plan a job – process analysis, sequence, risk assessment, job costing, best materials to use, ergonomics, understand how objects fit together in 3D <input type="checkbox"/> Explain the composition and characteristics of engineering materials (including where you would find this information if you work with a new material) <input type="checkbox"/> Choose available and appropriate process/tools/ equipment to suit, material, plan, etc <input type="checkbox"/> Provide an overview of manufacturing processes  <b>Although not required you may also be able to provide evidence of:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Using Basic Computer Aided Design (CAD) <input type="checkbox"/> Understanding Computer Numerical Control (CNC) machines <input type="checkbox"/> Using marking out equipment	

Graduate Profile Outcomes	Evidence you can provide
<b>1. Apply relevant engineering principles and practices, and problem solving skills</b>	
<p><b>Can you:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Apply calculations and measurements</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Use tools and equipment correctly</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Monitor condition and safety of tools and equipment</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Undertake basic fault finding and root cause analysis</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Explain damage minimisation</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Select and inspect simple lifting appliances, sling and secure loads, and carry out lifting procedures</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Carry out all work efficiently and according to specifications</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Self-inspect and understand Non Destructive Testing</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Calibrate measuring equipment</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Interpret relevant standards</li> </ul>	
<b>2. Apply an understanding of effective and efficient processes and principles, and quality systems to the production of components and/or provision of services</b>	
<p><b>Can you:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Explain different quality system models, e.g. lean manufacturing</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Identify and eliminate wasteful processes</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Apply the concepts of continuous improvement</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Explain quality control</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Explain process planning</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Deliver in full, on time and to specifications</li> </ul>	
<b>3. Practise effective communication within a mechanical engineering team and the wider workplace</b>	
<p><b>Can you:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Confirm and clarify instructions</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Explain the importance of completing workplace documentation</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Communicate with teammates, customers, supervisors, other management (including awareness of other cultures and languages in the workplace).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Communicate health and safety matters</li> </ul>	
<b>4. Recognise the limits of own ability and the importance of working with integrity and maintaining currency in the mechanical engineering field</b>	
<p><b>Can you:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Work to an acceptable standard for a tradesperson</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Seek advice or guidance when required</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Show an understanding of alternative manufacturing and engineering processes</li> </ul> <p><b>Although not required you may also be able to provide evidence of:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Showing continual/lifelong learning and knowledge acquisition</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Showing you research new technology, processes, practices, equipment</li> </ul>	

**STRANDS – choose one** *(you may choose more, but additional fees apply)*

FITTING AND MACHINING STRAND	
Graduate Profile Outcomes	Evidence you can provide
<b>Build and install complex machines where both precision fitting and machining skills are required</b>	
<p><b>Can you:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrate precision fitting and machining skills</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Manufacture and /or assemble components and equipment</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Align components to close tolerances</li> </ul> <p><b>You will also need to show evidence for 2 additional areas of skill; choose at least 1 from <u>each</u> of the two sections below:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Have advanced knowledge of fluid power installations and preventative maintenance technologies.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Project of your choice showing advanced Fitting &amp; Machining skills</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Use mathematical skills, concepts and understandings to perform calculations and solve problems within engineering contexts.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Use Computer Aided Manufacturing (CAM) software packages including managing CAD/CAM data exchange and integration through multiple software applications and formats.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Apply advanced operational knowledge of engineering principles in the workplace</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Operational and theoretical knowledge of planning and conducting site installations including, rigging and the use of mobile and fixed platforms.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Strand Based positional welding</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Pressure vessel and pipework (welding, joining, testing, etc)</li> </ul>	

MACHINING STRAND	
Graduate Profile Outcomes	Evidence you can provide
<b>Plan, sequence, and machine complex engineering components to a high degree of tolerance and finish using current and relevant machining technologies and techniques</b>	
<p><b>Can you:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Undertake precision machining and achieve relevant fits, tolerances and finishes</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Produce finished component(s) to customer requirements, from a CAD model</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Program, set and operate CNC machines and set and operate other machine tools</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Plan and sequence for a highly efficient operation (production runs)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Use specialized tooling, cutting technology and equipment</li> </ul> <p><b>You will also need to show evidence for 2 additional areas of skill; choose from the list below:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Use mathematical skills, concepts and understandings in order to perform calculations and solve problems within engineering contexts.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Use Computer Aided Manufacturing (CAM) software packages including managing CAD/CAM data exchange and integration through multiple software applications and formats.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Use advanced manual high precision machining and measuring strategies for high precision applications.</li> </ul>	

GENERAL ENGINEERING STRAND	
Graduate Profile Outcomes	Evidence you can provide
<b>Build, maintain, and repair a broad range of machinery and equipment using fitting, machining, fabrication, hydraulics, pneumatics, and welding skills and knowledge</b>	
<p><b>Do you:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Have relevant fitting and welding skills</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Have general machining skills</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Have general fabrication skills</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Have knowledge of fluid power systems and their applications</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Undertake general maintenance and repair of machinery and equipment</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Align components to close tolerances</li> </ul> <p><b>You will also need to show evidence for 2 additional areas of skill; choose at least 1 from <u>each</u> of the two sections below:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Have advanced knowledge of fluid power installations and preventative maintenance technologies.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Use mathematical skills, concepts and understandings to perform calculations and solve problems within engineering contexts.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Operational and theoretical knowledge of planning and conducting site installations including, rigging and the use of mobile and fixed platforms.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Pressure vessel and pipework (welding, joining, testing, etc)</li> </ul>	

MAINTENANCE ENGINEERING STRAND	
Graduate Profile Outcomes	Evidence you can provide
<b>Apply knowledge of maintenance engineering strategies and practices to monitor, inspect, maintain and repair facilities or plant and equipment.</b>	
<p><b>Can you:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Read and interpret complex drawings and schematics</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Show your understanding of, and can select and apply, appropriate current maintenance techniques and strategies for your industry</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Monitor, inspect and maintain, and repair a range of industrial plant and equipment, ensuring reliability</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Contribute to the identification of opportunities for continuous improvement</li> </ul> <p><b>You also need to show evidence for 2 additional areas of skill; choose from the list below:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Use mathematical skills, concepts and understandings in order to perform calculations and solve problems within engineering contexts.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Apply advanced operational knowledge of engineering principles in the workplace.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Operational and theoretical knowledge of planning and conducting site installations including, rigging and the use of mobile and fixed platforms.</li> </ul>	

TOOLMAKING STRAND	
<b>Apply knowledge of tool design and function to manufacture tooling for relevant industrial processes, using current and relevant manufacturing technologies and techniques</b>	
<p><b>Can you:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Explain relevant precision machining processes</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Explain 3D modelling technology</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Apply knowledge of fits and tolerances to the tool and end product</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Produce a finished tool to customer requirements, from a CAD model</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Program, set and operate CNC machines and set and operate other machine tools</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Explain material properties and their treatments (including where you would find this information if you work with a new material)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Explain the end use of the tool, including component materials</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Can program the sequence of mould/tool development and manufacture</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Explain how objects fit together in 3D</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Undertake precision fitting (hand skills)</li> </ul> <p><b>You also need to show evidence for 2 additional areas of skill; choose from the list below:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> show mathematical skills, concepts and understandings in order to perform calculations and solve problems within engineering contexts.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Use Computer Aided Manufacturing (CAM) software packages including managing CAD/CAM data exchange and integration through multiple software applications and formats.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Use advanced manual high precision machining and measuring strategies for high precision applications.</li> </ul>	



## Application checklist

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Please email your application to [capl@ara.ac.nz](mailto:capl@ara.ac.nz) or post it to:

CAPL

Academic Innovation & Research

Ara

PO BOX 540

Christchurch 8140

### How do I apply?

To make a CAPL application you need to send us:

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#### Your Checklist

1. **Your completed application form** ☐
2. **Your summary of evidence tables** ☐
3. **Your current and detailed Curriculum Vitae (CV) or work history** which should contain:
  - Relevant work history including your positions, tasks and responsibilities
  - Formal qualifications eg school, polytechnic, university, trade certificates
  - Informal qualifications eg 'in house' workplace training workshops
  - Relevant life experience or transferable skills

*Your CV format may be quite different from this. Please use whatever format is understood by your industry but in depth enough to show your level of skills and knowledge for the qualification you are applying for.*

4. **If you are an employee within a company please supply us with an attestation\* from your current employer** and, if possible, employers you've worked for over the past five years. We will need to be able to contact your employer/s to verify this evidence. ☐  
**OR**  
**If you are self-employed please supply us with attestations\* from two or more people or companies you work with, or for.** We will need to be able to contact your attesters to verify this evidence.

*\*An attestation is a letter or email where the writer is certifying (attesting) that they personally witnessed or know something to be true. Each attestation we require must tell us:*

- *the nature of the job/work that you worked on*
- *when and where it was carried out (for example: 12 residential builds in Canterbury from 2014 -2017)*

*and can include:*

- *the quality of the completed job/work*
- *your performance*

5. **Identification documents** ☐

Bring with you to the initial interview your birth certificate or passport proving your identity, plus permanent residency, visa and change of legal name certificate [e.g. marriage certificate], if relevant.

If your interview is by video conferencing rather than in person, please MAIL an ORIGINAL verified copy (a verified photocopy of your original document), signed as being a true and accurate copy by one of the positions listed below. We cannot accept a scanned or photographed copy.

- Justice of the Peace (listed in the Yellow Pages)
- Solicitor
- Registrar or Deputy Registrar of the Courts

*The following needs to be included on the copy to be considered a verified copy: the words "original sighted"; company or position, name, and signature of the person sighting the original document.*

**Applicant Details (to be completed by applicant):**Last Name: First Name: Preferred first name: Date of Birth: Mobile: Other phone: Email: Male: ☐Female: ☐Other Gender: ☐Postal Address: 

Last Secondary school you attended (or write overseas if outside NZ)

Highest secondary school level achieved (or write overseas qualification)

Your last year at Secondary School: 

First year of tertiary study (any qualification):

Tick the box if English is your first language or the language you were educated in ☐

Personal statement which summarise your experience and learning, and which supports this application:

**Applicant Evaluation****(to be completed by Ara staff):***Recommendation (include facilitation course if relevant):*

Click here to enter text. The box will expand as you write.

Approved by:

Date:

Programme Leader  
or CAPL assessor

Approved by:

Date:

CAPL staff