

# Just the Job Information Sheet

**Job title/s:**

Horizontal Directional Drilling Operator

**Job description:**

A Horizontal Directional Drilling Operator is responsible for operating specialist drilling equipment for installing underground utilities without the need for digging trenches, soil drainage and stabilisation. The job also involves locating services, reading and interpreting plans, traffic control and site restoration.

**Qualifications required:**

A National Certificate in Horizontal Directional Drilling (Site Controller) is offered by InfraTrain New Zealand (the infrastructure industry training organisation).

Driver licences are recommended.

**Training costs:**

As training is done on the job, there is generally no cost to the trainee.

**Location of job:**

Work is mainly outdoors. There are job opportunities throughout New Zealand.

**Career path:**

- National Certificate in Horizontal Directional Drilling
- National Certificate in Horizontal Directional Drilling (Site Controller)

**Tips on how to increase the chances of successfully entering this industry:**

Get your car licence.

The Gateway Programme is available for senior school students to get hands on workplace experience in the civil construction industry, while still at school.

Useful work experience includes the building construction or roading industries.

**Websites to source information about this job:**

[www.infratrain.co.nz](http://www.infratrain.co.nz)

[www.shapeyourfuture.co.nz](http://www.shapeyourfuture.co.nz)

[www.kiwicareers.govt.nz](http://www.kiwicareers.govt.nz)