

# Just the Job Information Sheet

## Job title

Electronics Technician- New Zealand Army

## Job description

Electronics Technicians are vital to the running of the modern Army. They install, test and repair a wide range of sophisticated equipment, from radios to night vision and optical equipment. You will gain a trade qualification backed up with a variety of experiences and challenges which you would never find in the civilian workplace.

You will be trained and expected to perform your job, within a well equipped workshop within a Camp environment or in a limited workshop on the back of a truck in a field environment.

## Qualifications required

- Year 12 completion.
- A proven ability in English, Maths and Physics or general science at NCEA Level 2 (12 credits per subject) or equivalent.
- Any practical experience repairing radio communications and sighting equipment will make you a more competitive applicant.

General requirements.

- You must be at least 17 years of age.
- You must be a NZ citizen (some exceptions apply).
- You must be of good character – assessed by a study of testimonials and a police record check.
- Driver's Licence: A Class 1 restricted driver's licence is recommended, but is not compulsory.
- You must be free of any criminal convictions.
- Fit and healthy and capable of passing the Army Fitness test.

## Training costs

Your basic Electronic Technician courses are conducted after your initial soldier training. These basics courses total 33 weeks of training and will give you an insight into the repair and maintenance of communications and ancillary equipment and other military specific equipment. During your training you will be paid and there is no requirement to pay for any fees as the NZ Army will take care of this.

## Career path

Your training to become a fully qualified Electronic Technician will take a number of years and during this time you may conduct a variety of different roles in a variety of locations. Once you have achieved your trade qualification you will continue to fill different appointments and will start to be put in leadership roles.

**Salary range**

The minimum remuneration you will be paid from your enlistment is \$35,694. Your remuneration will increase upon graduation of your recruit course to \$42,487 and will continue to increase on promotion and seniority.

**How to increase the chances of successfully entering this industry**

Each trade within the NZDF has specific academic, aptitude, and fitness entry requirements. Joining the NZDF is a very competitive process and it is rare for anyone to be selected who only has the minimum entry requirements. Best advice is to aim to excel in these areas which will make you a more desirable candidate.

**Other places to source information about this job**

[www.defencecareers.mil.nz](http://www.defencecareers.mil.nz)