

Just the Job Information Sheet

Job title

Concrete construction

Job description

Concrete construction specialists are the builders of the concrete world. They use cement and concrete to lay foundations and create large structures like high-rise buildings, shopping centres, stadiums and bridges. They also install the precast concrete products produced by concrete manufacturers.

Qualifications required

National Certificate in Concrete Construction (Level 4). This is completed in a BCITO Managed Apprenticeship.

General requirements

There are no entry requirements for a concrete apprenticeship, but it helps to have NCEA Level 2 in English and maths.

Training costs

Through BCITO, it costs \$1,010 to sign into your apprenticeship and then \$705 for each year of training after that. However, a \$100 discount applies if invoices are paid by the due date. Note that training costs are subject to change.

How to increase the chances of successfully entering this industry

Breaking into the construction industry isn't easy. You need to be on the ball and *proactive* about getting a job with an employer willing to train you. If you sit back and wait for it to happen, forget about it!

Here are some things that will make you appealing to construction bosses:

1. Maintain a clean **driver's licence** - being able to drive and back up a trailer will earn you brownie points too.
2. Get some **work experience** - summer work or labouring (with references) shows an employer that you are motivated.
3. Go looking for work - **ask around**, speak to family and friends, teachers or careers advisors about who they know that might be able to help you get your foot in the door. Speak to everyone you can!

4. Try to get at least 3 years of **secondary education** - subjects like design technology, English and maths really help.
5. If you're in Year 11 or 12, you can learn more about the construction industry and gain relevant skills by doing a National Certificate in Building, Construction and Allied Trades Skills (Levels 1 and 2) through the BConstructive programme. You can also look into doing a BCITO Gateway programme if offered by your school.
6. Get yourself a good **CV** - visit www.careers.govt.nz/how-to-get-a-job/cvs-and-cover-letters for information and advice - if you are still at school, your careers advisor will be able to help.
7. **Actively look for work** - check out TradeMe www.trademe.co.nz/jobs and Seek www.seek.co.nz as well as your local newspapers.
8. When you get an interview, make sure you tell them that you want a *career* in the industry and that you want to do an apprenticeship.
9. Keep a good **attitude**, don't give up and work hard! This is what it takes to be successful.

Once you have a job, simply call the BCITO on 0800 422 486 and we can sign you into your apprenticeship.

Other places to source information about this job

www.bcito.org.nz