

Just the Job

Information Sheet

Job title

Marine farm worker

Job description

Out on the water on vessels working in a team: farm development, spat collecting, seeding process, farm husbandry, harvesting process, farm maintenance, diving, Shore work: forklift and HIAB driving.

Qualifications required

No age restrictions

Would be attractive to have a driver's licence, diving ticket, HIAB & forklift tickets, skipper ticket.

Training costs

80% of training happens on-the-job, in the workplace. No costs to the trainee. Any theory based block course fee is heavily subsidised by Seafood ITO. The trainee is not required to pay any portion of the fees.

Location of job

Outdoors in the elements, mainly in rural coastal communities.
Huge variety, no two days the same.

Career path

- * Variety of training pathways depending on individual experience / role.
- * High value put on application of skills on the job.
- * Progression from Marine farm worker – skipper /supervisor– farm manager – operations manager.

Salary range

Entry level to supervisor = \$2500 to \$60,000+

Other careers this profession could lead to

Self-employed marine farm contractor
Other operational based management roles

How to increase the chances of successfully entering this industry

- * Would be good to have experience working in the outdoors, on the water or on a farm.
- * Spend some time during school holidays working with a marine farm company.
- * Approaching the companies direct and in person – get your name in. Don't wait for an ad in the paper.
- * Attend workdays at school.

Other places to source information about this job

Website – www.sito.co.nz;

www.kiwicareers.co.nz;

www.kingsalmon.co.nz,

www.greenshell.co.nz,

www.oystersnz.com,

www.nzafa.org.nz,

www.aquaculture.govt.nz

NZ Seafood ITO Office – 04 385 4005

Other relevant points

Individuals get 'paid to learn' and it is 'on-the-job' training.

A marine based environment suited to those who are practically minded and enjoy hands-on physical work.