

Rural Leadership Development Programme



Feel like you need a challenge? Then enrolling for the 'Rural Leadership Development Programme' maybe for you. This course is designed to assist you with enhancing your leadership skills whether it be in your workplace, sports club or community organisation.

The Certificate is recognised by the NZQA and is at Level 3 on the National Qualifications Framework, comprising of 15 unit standards with a total of 53 credits. The Certificate

is ideal for anyone that wants to improve their confidence and develop their leadership skills.

The programme is offered nationwide to groups of up to 15 participants. Assessments relating to each of the nine modules and on job learning are required to complete the Certificate.

For further information about the programme or how to enrol please contact Nicola Holmes or Caren Oliver. Call Nicola on (03) 465 1278 or 027 232 7578, or email her at nicolaholmes@xtra.co.nz. Call Caren on 0800 827 282 at the Taratahi Agricultural Training Centre.

Petrol for farm use, are you entitled to a refund?

Did you know that the Government imposes an excise duty, which is a charge on certain products sourced from overseas and some products produced within New Zealand? Petrol is one of these.

But did you know that in some cases Land Transport New Zealand can offer refunds on excise duty?

Am I entitled to a refund?

Fuel types eligible for a refund:

- As fuel in an exempted vehicle
- As fuel in a road user charges licensed vehicle
- As fuel in a commercial vessel, or
- For commercial purposes other than as fuel in any motor vehicle, vessel, or aircraft.

So what's an exempt vehicle?

The definition of an exempt vehicle is "A motor vehicle that is not required to be registered under Section 5 of the Transport (Vehicle and Driver Registration and Licensing) Act 1986 and is used for commercial purposes".

In general these are agricultural farming vehicles, farm bikes, petrol tractors, some mobile machinery and commercial vehicles that don't travel on the road.

For more information and for refund rates please contact your local Rural Fuel Representative on 0800 383 582.

Your Industry Adviser Team

Your Industry Advisers for the Poultry Industry are Andrew Donohue and Roger Irvine. Andrew covers the North Island, and Roger covers the South Island.

Their role is to facilitate training and provide guidance and support to both employers and trainees in the poultry industry. They are happy to provide you with information and answer any questions you may have relating to your training needs.

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Poultry trainee numbers in our qualifications

National Certificate in Poultry
Production (Level 2) with strands
in Egg Production, Poultry Hatchery
and Poultry Rearing 102

National Certificate in Poultry
Husbandry (Level 3) with strands
in Egg Production, Poultry Hatchery
and Poultry Rearing 40

Total trainees enrolled 142

Welcome to our newsletter.

This is our first six-monthly newsletter for our poultry trainees and employers. Here you'll find out about news in our industry, recent initiatives we have been working on, plus the support we offer our trainees and employers. We hope you find this newsletter interesting and we value any suggestions you may have for future issues. If you have any feedback or questions please call 0800 24 24 21.

Tegel Growers celebrate gaining the National Certificate in Poultry Production (Level 2)

On 18 January 2006, 20 Tegel grower trainees from the Auckland region gained their National Certificate in Poultry Production (Level 2).

The trainees received their certificates in a midday barbeque during another training session capturing remaining and new growers. The certificates were awarded by Michael Brooks of the Poultry Industry Association of New Zealand and Andrew Donohue from Agriculture ITO.

The in-house training for this qualification is being delivered and administered by Wayne Parlane, Livestock Manager at Tegel for the Auckland region. The National Certificate, which has strands in Egg Production, Poultry Hatchery and Poultry Meat Production, is delivered by Wayne to 40 participants in the classroom, with the practical topics taught on participating grower farms.

"Tegel is committed to training to aid compliance and health and safety and for the good of the industry," Wayne says. "The benefits of training are evident in our growers' understanding of bio-security, residue management, bird anatomy, safe food and OSH requirements, to name just a few areas."

The cost of completing the National Certificate for participants is fully subsidised by the Agriculture ITO, the Poultry Industry Association of New Zealand and Tegel Foods.

"Tegel has made a significant investment of its resources and time because it recognises the importance of this qualification to the New Zealand poultry industry," Wayne says.

"It is our hope that the Level 2 graduates will go on to the more advanced poultry qualifications offered by Agriculture ITO."

Back row left to right:
Michael Brooks, Andrew Donohue, Ken Jordan, Jocelyn Avery, Pam Selak, Max Maxwell, Julie Mincham, Christopher Navarro, Barry Stephens, Renuka Tahul, Wayne Parlane.

Front row left to right:
Karen Hampton, Rosemary Graham, Annette Stuart, Christine Duffy.

Absent: Russell Cockerill, Christopher Gould, Annah Kamuti, Raemar Stephens, Suzanne Murray, Nigel Meads, Christopher van Tiel, Margaret Burns.



Call 0800 24 24 21 or visit www.agricultureito.ac.nz

Course dates for 2006

We have the following qualifications in poultry starting later this year. If you are interested in enrolling please call your local Agriculture ITO Training Adviser on **0800 24 24 21**. Your Industry Adviser is available to guide and advise you on the training options that best suit your career needs and experience in the poultry industry.

Qualification

National Certificate in Poultry Husbandry (Level 3) with strands in Egg Production, Poultry Hatchery and Poultry Meat Production

National Certificate in Poultry Management (Level 4)

Poultry Industry qualifications reviewed

The Level 2, 3 & 4 poultry qualifications have been reviewed by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) and are now being delivered to the industry. The finalised qualifications are:

National Certificate in Poultry Production Level 2 with strands in Egg Production, Poultry Hatchery and Poultry Meat Production	51-60 credits
National Certificate in Poultry Husbandry Level 3 with strands in Egg Production, Poultry Hatchery and Poultry Meat Production	116-124 credits
National Certificate in Poultry Management Level 4	65 credits

Overseas Students

With more overseas workers entering the poultry industry it is timely to remind the industry of the rules set in place for anyone from overseas wishing to undertake Agriculture ITO courses.

The New Zealand Immigration Service ruling is that any person from overseas who is not a New Zealand citizen and wishes to undertake training in an Agriculture ITO qualification is required to be the holder of:

- A residence permit; or
- Any other type of temporary work permit whose conditions have been varied in accordance with the Immigration Act 1997 to authorise the holder to undertake a course of study or training in New Zealand; or be
- Exempt under the Immigration Act 1997 from the requirements to hold a permit.

If you have any doubts about your eligibility or the eligibility of your staff to undertake a course of study please contact us.



Free Course in Poultry Production still growing



The National Certificate in Poultry Production (Level 2) is a free course that is completed by trainees on the farm. This one year programme is proving popular with new entrants into the industry and also those that want to officially acknowledge the skills and knowledge they have gained during employment in the industry. This certificate is ideal for both egg producers and meat producers in the industry.

The course is free to poultry workers in the industry. Trainees complete the course at their own pace with the support of their employers. Trainees receive a record book which contains the information and resources required to complete the course. There is also continual support from Agriculture ITO Industry Advisers.

“The numbers of trainees undertaking this programme is steadily increasing and we’d like to see the Level 2 certificate become a minimum industry standard” says Andrew Donohue, Industry Adviser for Agriculture ITO. “The programme is a great qualification which leads trainees into further training and better careers in the poultry industry”.

For more information about this free course call an Agriculture ITO Industry Adviser today on **0800 24 24 21**.

News in brief



Poultry Industry Association of New Zealand & Egg Producer Federation of New Zealand announce industry dinner evening

The Poultry Industry Association of New Zealand and the Egg Producer Federation of New Zealand have announced the first ever Poultry Industry Awards Dinner.

The dinner will be held in Auckland later this year and will include award ceremonies for the 2005 Agriculture ITO Poultry Trainee of the Year and the 2005 Poultry Person of the Year awards.

2005 Agriculture ITO Poultry Trainee of the Year

The Agriculture ITO in conjunction with our training provider will soon be announcing the 2005 Agriculture ITO Poultry Trainee of the Year. This award is open to trainees who have completed a National Certificate in Poultry at Level 3 or above.

The lucky recipient will win a trip to attend the Poultry Industry Awards Dinner in Auckland where they will receive their award.

Trainees are eligible by completing their Level 3 qualification and are judged on participation at the block courses, their theory assessment marks and also their general attitude and behaviour at work.

Massey University/Eastern Institute of Technology joint agreement to deliver Poultry training

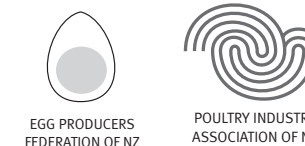
Agriculture ITO’s poultry qualifications have recently been reviewed and have been updated to reflect the needs of the industry. As a result there are more generic units (non specific poultry units) in the new qualifications. Generic units such as communication, staffing, budgeting and first line management fall outside the domains of poultry and outside the coverage of Massey University’s Institute of Food, Nutrition & Human Health.

To overcome this issue and ensure the delivery of an accredited product to the poultry sector Agriculture ITO in conjunction with the University sought the support of the Eastern Institute of Technology (EIT). EIT with its NZQA accreditation in all generic units will deliver the course material for any unit outside the poultry domain. They will also report the units under its own poultry accreditation that is delivered by Massey University.

What is important to Agriculture ITO and the trainees is that nothing appears to change. The same high standards of training delivery will be maintained.

Poultry Industry Association of New Zealand & Egg Producer Federation continue to endorse Agriculture ITO poultry training

The Poultry Industry Association of New Zealand & Egg Producer Federation continue to show their support to Agriculture ITO training.



Recently Agriculture ITO updated its record books and marketing material to show the Poultry Industry Association of New Zealand & Egg Producer Federation logos and their endorsement. It is great to show the industry that we are working together for the good of the industry.

Agriculture ITO reviews it’s National Diploma in Agribusiness Management qualification

Agriculture ITO, in consultation with industry, has recently reviewed our National Diploma qualification. This qualification is ideal for people, who are in, or aiming for supervisor, manager or ownership roles in agribusiness management.

A detailed brochure outlining the content of this qualification is available from your local Agriculture ITO Industry Advisers, by calling **0800 24 24 21**.

Roger Irvine joins the Poultry Industry Training Team

We welcome Roger Irvine who recently joined Agriculture ITO’s Industry Adviser Team.

Roger has worked for Agriculture ITO for the last 4 years as a Training Adviser in the South Canterbury region, before this he was employed as a stock agent for Wrightson’s in the Canterbury area.

Roger is from an agriculture background and was bought up on a mixed cropping farm in the Canterbury region. Roger has a real passion for the agriculture industry, and loves seeing people achieving results. He feels taking on this new role offers him diversity and more challenges, with the opportunity to learn more about the poultry industry. Roger is always available to help trainees and employers with their training needs, and is looking forward to meeting many of you.

