



Unlock your future with fees-free learning

Thinking about learning a trade, taking up industry training or studying at university?

Then you could be eligible for a year of fees-free tertiary study, or two years of fees-free industry-based training.

If you're a New Zealander who finished school in 2017, or will finish this year, you may qualify.

You may also qualify if you're an adult and you've done less than half a year of tertiary learning (in any country - not just New Zealand).

**To see if you qualify, check
feesfree.govt.nz**

Need help?

Read the FAQs at feesfree.govt.nz

If you're still stuck, then call the fees-free helpline,
0800 687 775.

ONE STEP AT A TIME

Before you start sign up to get our emails. We'll send you regular updates, the latest info and let you know when to apply.

Sign up today at studylink.govt.nz

- 1 Think about what you might like to do
➤ careers.govt.nz
- 2 Learn about the cost of study
➤ studylink.govt.nz
- 3 Check if you can get fees-free study
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- 4 Find out what kind of help you can get
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- 5 Sign up for RealMe verified identity
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Then apply online for your Student Allowance and Loan by **16 December** - you don't need to wait for your NCEA results!



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THINKING ABOUT STUDY?



THINGS YOU'LL NEED TO THINK ABOUT

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1 DECIDING WHAT YOU WANT TO DO

If you're still thinking about what you want to do, what you'll study and where, the Careers New Zealand website has some great information.

► Check it out at careers.govt.nz

2 FIND OUT ABOUT THE COST OF STUDY

If you're going to tertiary study after you leave school, you'll need to figure out how much it's going to cost and how to pay for it.

► It's never too early to start planning, visit studylink.govt.nz

3 CHECK IF YOU CAN GET FEES-FREE STUDY

Whether you're thinking about doing a degree or training for an apprenticeship, if you're studying for the first time you may be able to get fees-free study.

► To check, go to feesfree.govt.nz

4 HELP WITH OTHER COSTS

Use our eligibility test to work out what kind of help you could get while studying. If you can get fees-free study you may not need a Student Loan for your course fees, but you may still need to apply for a loan if you need course-related costs or living costs. You may also be able to get a Student Allowance to help with your living expenses.

► Find out what you can get at studylink.govt.nz

5 SET UP A REALME® VERIFIED IDENTITY

Getting a RealMe verified identity will reduce the paperwork you need to do and make student life easier.

Using your RealMe verified identity when you apply online for your Student Allowance and Loan, means you won't need to send us proof of your identity.

► Find out more at realme.govt.nz

Prove your identity online

Proving who you are is easier with a RealMe® verified identity.

Verify your identity to prove who you are without presenting ID – safely and securely online.

All you need to do is:

- 1 go to realme.govt.nz and log in
- 2 add the details from your passport, birth or citizenship certificate, or immigration documents
- 3 visit a participating PostShop and get your photo taken – it's free.

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- open a bank account
- enrol to vote
- apply for your first adult passport

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