



About the new New Zealand Diploma in Engineering

In the last year, significant consultation nationally on a unified approach to a diploma (Level 6) development programme for New Zealand has resulted in a proposed new Diploma in Engineering. ESI has been well-represented at those regional meetings.

The proposed new diploma will bring together Electrical, Civil and Mechanical disciplines. The new diploma structure will have two qualifications:

1. An achievement-based academic programme of 240 credits and achievable across two years' full-time study. On completion of this study, a participant would graduate with a New Zealand Diploma in Engineering (NZDE).
2. A competency-based practical programme of 120 credits which can be completed in parallel to the academic programme for people doing part-time study. On completion of this study, a participant would graduate with a New Zealand Diploma in Engineering Practice (NZDEP). This qualification would also cover the technician level membership requirements with IPENZ.

Those who are currently enrolled in the National Diploma of Engineering (Electrotechnology) (Level 6) and those who plan to enroll before the new diplomas come into place will not be disadvantaged. They will be allowed to complete that qualification in a transition period or transfer credits across to the new qualification.

Courses for the NZDE will be available in a delivery option that allows people in the workforce to study part-time and will be distance learning, block courses or a combination of both.

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