

Changes to the Taster Courses this year

To maximize students' motivation and focus during the Taster Courses we have made some changes for 2009.

1. Courses are all reduced to two weeks & are held during the school holidays.
2. Less focus on assessment, more focus on activities & experiences.
3. Prerequisites for the course are First Aid Units 6401 & 6402.
4. Hamilton Taster Course is now held in the July school holidays.

Who are Tasters for?

Applications are now being sought from people :

- ◆ Aged at least 16 years at the start of the course
- ◆ A good standard of written and oral English
- ◆ Will have completed First Aid Unit Standards 6401 and 6402
- ◆ A sound understanding of Maths
- ◆ Are New Zealand citizens or permanent residents
- ◆ Have an interest in the electricity supply industry.

ESITO TASTER COURSES IN 2009

TWO-WEEK Taster Courses will be held during school holidays across the country in 2009

The courses will introduce students to a number of work relevant areas and activities within the industry which could include:

- ◆ Practical job specific activities such as electrical or mechanical workshop projects, making a simple generator, making hand tools or extension leads, digging trenches etc.
- ◆ Introduction to unit standards (1-2 units will be assessed)
- ◆ Job related activities such as working at heights, abseiling, high ropes
- ◆ A range of industry site visits over 3 days.

Why should students attend a Taster Course?

- ◆ To gain a greater understanding of the careers in the electricity supply industry.
- ◆ Get inside electricity companies and see how they operate and what people do.
- ◆ Meet like minded people and have lots of fun along the way.
- ◆ Improve their chances of making informed career decisions!

It's all FREE & students get a free pair of safety boots!

DATES and VENUES for 2009

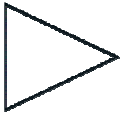
- ◆ Christchurch Taster at CPIT, 6-17 July
- ◆ Hamilton Taster at Wintec, 6-17 July
- ◆ Kawerau Taster (residential, taught by Wintec), 27 Sept-10 Oct
- ◆ Auckland Taster at MIT, 28 Sept-9 Oct
- ◆ Palmerston North Taster at UCOL, 28 Sept-9 Oct

Application forms are available on our website at

http://www.esito.org.nz/career_centre/

or call 0800 4 ESITO (0800 437486)





Success Stories from 2008 students

ESITO works with Careers & Gateway staff across the country to help students learn more about careers in the electricity supply industry.

Canterbury

Gateway and CPIT Taster student Andrew Hartevelde-Turnbull from St Bede's College will be starting a line mechanic apprenticeship at Christchurch company Connetics shortly.



Andrew says: "I would also like to take this opportunity to thank yourself and everyone else at ESITO for all their help over the last year which has helped me achieve what I have."

Keegan Meiklejohn from Riccarton High School, Simon Berghan from Shirley Boys High School & Alex Blake Western Heights High School gained ESITO Scholarships to study the CPIT Electricity Supply Pre Trade course.

Eastern Bay of Plenty

Whakatane High School student Scott Millar and Trident High School's Darcy Vercoe gained ESITO Scholarships for 2009. Scott has headed to the University of Auckland for a Bachelor of Engineering degree and Darcy is doing the Electricity Supply Pre Trade course at WINTEC. Both students completed the ESITO Taster Course held at Kawerau College in 2008.



Scott Millar, second from left, front row, Darcy Vercoe, first student on left, back row.

Manawatu

Tyler Evans from Feilding High School and Tyler Burke from Queen Elizabeth College are working as apprentices at Electrix after completing the Palmerston North Taster course in October 2008.

Central North Island

A great result for four Hamilton Taster Course participants from Hamilton (Stephen Brown, St Johns College), Rotorua (Jeffrey Law, Rotorua Boys' High School) and Taupo (Ryan Jones, Taupo Nui A Tia and Toshka Civil). They all gained places on the Mighty River Power Apprenticeship programme.

Aaron Cousins and Nick Frogley (St Johns College), Taika Hubbard (Gisborne Boys High School) and Leonard James (Te Aroha College) from the taster course all received ESITO Scholarships to study the Electricity Supply Pre Trade course at WINTEC.

Women

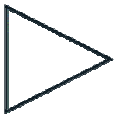
Our industry is keen to attract more women so it was great to have three young women on the Auckland Taster Course. One of them, Maggie Tuifelasai from Aorere College, is studying towards a Diploma in Electrotechnology at MIT with support from an ESITO Scholarship.



Katie MacArthur, a student on the Palmerston North Taster Course, was selected for a place on the Mighty River Power apprenticeship programme.

Student feedback on Taster Courses (66 students attended courses in 2008)

- ◆ This course has increased my knowledge tremendously. I look at this subject with a lot more interest. I definitely want to be in the electricity industry.
- ◆ The power station visits were very interesting for me. I was able to understand more about hydro and geothermal.
- ◆ My knowledge has increased rapidly. I've learnt all about high voltage power stations, PPE, safety, soldering and many more skills.



In Your Neighbourhood - 2009

Northern North Island

- 1-2 April: Pathways to Employment Expo, Auckland
- 11 & 26 May: Career Fonos, Auckland

Central North Island

- 20 May: Whakatane Careers Expo, Trident High School
- 7-8 June: Career Paths Waikato Expo, Hamilton
- 6-17 July: Hamilton Taster Course at Wintec

Southern North Island

- 2 August: Made it Manawatu Expo, Palmerston North

Northern South Island

- 10-12 May: Christchurch Coca Cola Expo
- 6-17 July: Christchurch Taster Course at CPII

Southern South Island

- 2-3 Aug: Timaru Careers Expo

August date TBC Southland Careers Expo, Invercargill

Want more info?

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 Gateway Resource Packs available to order for \$80.
 Order online at www.esito.org.nz/career_centre



Gateway Programme

US 4249	Demonstrate care and timeliness as an employee
US 10780	Complete a work experience placement
US 3503	Participate in a team or group to complete routine tasks
US 5911	Explain basic magnetism and electromagnetism as applied to the electrotechnology industry
US 6626	Demonstrate knowledge of electrical and electronic components

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