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Youth Guarantee Scheme 2010.

The aim of the Youth Guarantee Scheme is to improve the educational achievements of students aged 16 to 17 years of age, who are not currently engaged in education – and to improve the transition between school, tertiary education and work. The Scheme will provide successful candidates with improved access to study, allowing them to study towards qualifications that are at Levels 2 to 3 on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF) in tertiary education. Each student will complete an individual learning plan, and will also receive career planning advice and support.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE YOUTH GUARANTEE SCHEME?

The Youth Guarantee Scheme is open to all students:

- Aged 16 and 17 years, who have achieved NCEA Level 1 or less and for whom a vocational pathway would be a preferred choice.

Youth Guarantee Providers: Will need to apply the following criteria to determine student eligibility:

- Students must be 16 or 17 years of age at the time of study commencement and not turn 18 years of age within three months of starting study under the Youth Guarantee Scheme.

School Level: Due to recent revisions made by the Tertiary Education Commission (TEC), it is now possible for students to enter the Youth Guarantee Scheme part-way through year 11.

New Students: Students must be new to tertiary education e.g. not previously or currently enrolled in a Student Achievement Component (SAC) funded course

Full-Time: Students must be enrolled full-time

Full-Year: Students must enrol in a minimum of a full year's worth of study (the equivalent of 0.8 EFTS).

- Students must not be enrolled in school and a Youth Guarantee Scheme programme simultaneously.
- Students may move from a Training Opportunities, Youth Training or Industry Training programme into the Youth Guarantee Scheme although this is not expected to be a common path.
- Students enrolled in Youth Guarantee Scheme are not eligible for Student Loans administered by StudyLink.

WHAT WILL I ACHIEVE?

The Youth Guarantee Scheme allows students to undertake study that includes the following programme elements:

- Vocationally focused programmes with a mixture of practical, specific and generic skills
- Face-to-face delivery
- Embedding literacy and numeracy
- Leading to qualifications at Levels 2 to 3
- Provide clear pathways to higher levels of learning
- Student Achievement Component (SAC) courses.

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WHAT CAN I STUDY?

Certificate in Foundation Studies (Trades) (Levels 2 and 3)

This programme is for students who would like practical learning but are not sure what vocational area they would like to study in. It offers a mixture of trades-based learning that will allow you to explore different subject areas, such as business and computing, creative studies, sports and adventure, automotive, construction, horticulture, animal care, child and community, and hospitality. There will also be opportunities to experience work.

WHEN DOES IT START?

- Starts: Monday, August 2 - Dunedin Campus
- Applications will be accepted up until July 30.

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

The Scheme will cover the tuition fees, material and equipment costs of your programme of study for one year. It is important to note that students enrolled under the Youth Guarantee Scheme will not be eligible for student loans and, in some cases, student allowances.

HOW DO I APPLY?

1. Please complete the Application Form on the Otago Polytechnic website and attach any additional information if requested.
2. Customer Services will acknowledge your application in writing.
3. You will be advised if you are required to attend an interview and/or supply additional details.
4. We will select the successful applicants.
5. Customer Services will contact you to confirm the outcome.
6. Successful applicants will be sent an enrolment form which you need to complete and return.
7. You will then be ready to start your studies!

Otago Polytechnic has a limited number of spaces available on the Youth Guarantee Scheme, so please ensure your application is sent to us promptly.

WHERE CAN I FIND FURTHER INFORMATION?

Check out our website, or go the Tertiary Education Commission (TEC) website: www.tec.govt.nz

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