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Youth Guarantee Scheme 2012

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.

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 the Youth Guarantee Scheme are not eligible for Student Loans administered by StudyLink.

COURSE DATES:

The programme starts on Monday 13 February 2012 and finishes in early December 2012.

APPLICATIONS:

Applications will be expected up until Friday 17 February 2012.

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
- Embedded 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 are not sure what vocational area they would like to study and who want a measure of practical learning alongside the literacy and learning needs they may have. By engaging in study in a range of subject areas (which includes a cross section of Otago Polytechnic programmes) these students can sample a range of options and explore the skills and aptitude needed. These may include construction, cookery and horticulture, computing and mathematics, which are core to many fields. There will also be an opportunity to gain some work experience.

Certificate in Automotive and Mechanical Engineering (Level 2)

This programme is for students who want to learn automotive and mechanical skills. It involves project based and experiential learning. Students design and make master class grass karts through the year to race in the Grass Kart Challenge in September. There will also be an opportunity to gain some work experience. Successful completion of the programme is excellent preparation for the Certificate in Automotive Engineering (Level 3).

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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. Funding for travel is available, conditions apply.

HOW DO I APPLY?

1. Please complete the Application Form on the Otago Polytechnic website and attach any additional information if requested.
2. Otago Polytechnic 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. Otago Polytechnic will select the successful applicants.
5. Otago Polytechnic 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.

We welcome applications from anyone who is not eligible for the Scheme, however full fees will apply. For more information, please contact Customer Services.

WHERE CAN I FIND FURTHER INFORMATION?

Check out our website: <http://www.otagopolytechnic.ac.nz/programmes/youth-guarantee-scheme> or go the Tertiary Education Commission (TEC) website: www.tec.govt.nz

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