

# Range of employment opportunities for the New Zealand Certificate in Wool Technology and Classing graduates

## How is the programme run?

If you are looking to build a career within the Wool Industry, the New Zealand Certificate in Wool Technology and Classing offered via distance learning through the Southern Institute of Technology's SIT2LRN programme is worth looking into.

This level 4 two-year certificate comprising four courses and on-site Practical Block Courses, can be studied from the comfort of your own living room. The four courses include:

- Wool Value Chain
- Wool Classification
- Working in the Wool Industry
- Woolshed Management.

## Why should you do the course?

Students learn a wide range of important aspects related to the wool industry including wool production, grading, and classing, wool terminology, breed recognition, staff supervision, professional ethical standards, health, and safety, and working with people of other cultures.

All students are expected to attend a practical block course over the two-year duration of the programme. These will be held in venues in both Christchurch (mid-May) and Napier (mid-August).

The practical block portion of the programme is run over one week and is part of the Wool Classification course. Topics covered on the block course include wool terminology, breed recognition, fleece, and oddment identification, along with grading and classing exercises and industry visits. Students will have the opportunity to listen to guest speakers from the industry and interact with their fellow students and tutors.

At the completion of the week, there will be an assessment of knowledge/skills learned throughout the practical block course.

Designed to enable students to gain a job or progress within the wool industry, the New Zealand Certificate in Wool Technology and Classing provides them with the knowledge and practical skills required to work within the wool industry. It also teaches them about the sheep farming systems that produce wool and helps increase their confidence.

Once students successfully complete the programme, they can apply to the New Zealand Wool Classers' Association for registration of a Provisional Stencil with the intention of moving onto their Professional Stencil.

## How much does the course cost?

2022 are **Fees Free** for NZ citizens and residents through the Government's new Targeted Training and Apprenticeship Fund (TTAF).

## How do you register for the course?

Applications for enrolment are now open so **don't delay!**

Enrol through Southern Institute of Technology, Telford Campus [www.sit.ac.nz](http://www.sit.ac.nz) or for more information about this programme, please contact Senior Tutor in Wool Technology, Laurie Boniface at [laurie.boniface@sit.ac.nz](mailto:laurie.boniface@sit.ac.nz) or Freephone 0800 200 009.