

THINKING OF BECOMING A SCAFFOLDER?

Awesome! We've got the info you need right here.



Scaffolders love working in teams, solving problems, and building things. If this sounds like a great way to spend your working day, you could have a bright future as a scaffolder.

Why become a scaffolder?



Start your career with no student loan.

Earn a wage from day one, and finish your apprenticeship without a massive loan hanging over your head!



Work that suits your lifestyle.

Work outdoors instead of being stuck in the same office all day. As your career grows, you'll have more freedom and flexibility in your schedule to fit in more time for the things that matter, such as family, hobbies, and interests.



A variety of experiences.

No two days are the same! You'll get the chance to work on a wide range of jobs throughout your career.

What do scaffolders do?

Scaffolders are a vital part of any construction work, and there's always work to be done!

With a career in scaffolding you'll be involved with a wide array of jobs, including transportation, planning and measuring, erecting and securing scaffolding, performing safety checks, and dismantling.

On any given day you could be:

- Building scaffolding and platforms for high-rise building constructions
- Working as part of a project team to get seating built at a raceway
- Securing a residential home for roof repairs
- Building scaffolding for art installations and museums
- Erecting work platforms for reconstruction work in heritage buildings



skills.

By the numbers

Length of apprenticeship



The apprenticeship to become a scaffolder takes approximately 2 - 3 years.

Earnings



Newly qualified scaffolders usually earn around \$40,000 - \$50,000 per year.

Experienced scaffolders working as supervisors or forepersons can earn \$60,000 or more per year.

Source: [Careers.govt.nz](http://careers.govt.nz)

Job outlook



The nationwide construction boom means there is a high demand for skilled scaffolders.

Source: [Skills/Infometrics](http://skills/infometrics)



Where can I go?

Once you complete your apprenticeship, you'll be awarded your New Zealand Certificate in Scaffolding (Trade) (Level 4). This means you'll be able to work as a scaffolder on many sites around New Zealand.

From there you'll be able to get further qualified which will allow you to take on more specialised scaffolding roles or move into supervisory roles.

As your experience grows, so will your career opportunities. Many scaffolders eventually go on to start their own business, or move into construction management, a health and safety advisory role.

Is it for me?

Scaffolders need a special set of skills. You'll learn all the technical bits in your apprenticeship, but for starters, you'll need to be:

- Responsible and well-organised
- Comfortable working at heights for long periods of time
- Happy working outdoors in any weather
- Physically fit (you'll move around a lot and do some heavy lifting)
- Good at communicating with others
- Flexible with working hours, as evening, weekend and on call is sometimes required
- Able to present yourself professionally
- Have good balance and hand-eye coordination

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