

ELECTRONIC SECURITY APPRENTICE

NAME: ISAAC MONK-TAINGAHUE

AGE: 21

EMPLOYER: CIRCUIT SYSTEMS

Isaac began his apprenticeship in 2005 and has just a few unit standards to be signed off in his Workplace Logbook before he's a qualified tradesman. Isaac's currently working with Circuit Systems in Wellington



What made you decide to be an electronic security apprentice?

My dad is an electronic security technician, so I knew what the job was about. Plus I worked in the industry during the holidays and really enjoyed it. I could see that by doing an apprenticeship it would be a good opportunity to carry on and work in the industry, and I'm getting a trade behind me too.

You do a mix of on-job and off-job training as part of your apprenticeship. How do you enjoy this?

I enjoy all the training, but I definitely prefer the on-job part. I like the physical work and it's good to see a job through to the finish and then look back on what you've accomplished.

What are the pro's and con's of your apprenticeship?

It's great to work on your own and have the responsibility for a task. I'm always proud to get a task done. There's not really anything that I don't like about my apprenticeship! Some people don't like working on the big construction sites, but even that's something I enjoy.

How are you benefiting from the training?

By going through the training I'm learning how and why everything works – rather than just how to get things working in the first place. That means that if things break down or aren't working properly I can fix them. Plus it's great to get a qualification that's nationally recognised.

What advice do you have for getting through the training?

To get through your off-job training – turn up to class and do your homework! During your on-job training just ask as many questions as possible. The company I work for has been a big help. They've always taken the time out to help me with any questions I have, and they've helped me get through my on-job learning by taking on domestic alarm jobs that we wouldn't normally do so that I can get my Workplace Logbook signed off.



What are your plans for the future?

I'd like to head overseas at some point and when I return it would be cool to start my own company. Whatever happens, I plan to be in the industry for a while.