



GATEWAY: YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE WORKPLACE

The Gateway programme is a work placement initiative for senior secondary school students and is funded by the Tertiary Education Commission.

More than 340 secondary schools in New Zealand offer the Gateway programme which sees students gain valuable workplace experience. ETITO has developed a specific electrical package for the programme.

What is Gateway?

Gateway is a structured programme, supported by ETITO, which allows students still at school to not only gain work experience, but also achieve credits, both towards their NCEA and potentially towards an electrical qualification in the future.

How does Gateway work?

ETITO works with secondary school Gateway Coordinators to provide workplace materials and advice for the teacher and the student in the workplace. This material is a basic apprenticeship workplace logbook, with provision for diary notes and evidence of competence that can be signed off by a workplace supervisor and an ETITO workplace assessor.

What is required of the student?

The young person needs to have expressed an interest in finding out what an electrical workplace is like and been selected by the Gateway Coordinator as having a suitable background and attitude. The student will attend the workplace as arranged and follow instructions to experience a range of electrical tasks as provided by the supervisor. The student will keep a diary and complete the evidence sheets to be signed off by the supervisor and assessor. When judged competent in a particular unit standard, the blue sheet in the folder is completed and signed off and returned to the Gateway Coordinator to be forwarded to ETITO, along with the evidence sheets and diary so we can register their completed credits on their Record of Learning.

What is required of the workplace?


A good Gateway experience for the student will include:

- A safe and welcoming environment.
- A range of experiences.
- Sign-off of the Evidence Sheets.
- Sign-off of the blue reporting sheets if competent

What are the benefits of becoming a ETITO Gateway employer?

Getting involved in Gateway and the ETITO Electrical Gateway package can:

- Allow you to try-out potential new employees to see whether they'll fit within your business.
- Be a great way of finding keen apprentices.
- Give you some hands on enthusiastic help on your site at regular intervals (one to two days per week during the school terms) throughout the year.
- Allow you to offer students some extra work experience in school holidays.
- Learn more about how the ETITO apprenticeship system works if you don't already have any experience with it.

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- Boost the 'feel good' factor on the job, as you will be passing on your knowledge to the next generation and providing them with an introduction into the industry.

How do things get started?

- The school Gateway Coordinator will show you the logbook and samples of the evidence sheets and the blue reporting forms, if you are not already familiar with how these work.
- The school Gateway Coordinator will introduce you to the student and ensure they understand what is required of them by your workplace.
- The school Gateway Coordinator will liaise with you and the student as the placement proceeds to ensure things are satisfactory and act as the link between the school and ETITO.

Your support of the Gateway programme and your local schools is appreciated. We look forward to working with you. For further information contact your local school's Gateway Coordinator or Ross Petersen, Manager – ETITO In Schools on 09 583 1317 or rossp@etito.co.nz.