



LIKE TO LIVE
YOUR LIFE ON THE
EDGE? TAKE YOUR
CAREER TO NEW
HEIGHTS!

BECOME AN
**APPRENTICE
ROOFER**
AND EARN AS
YOU LEARN.



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I was an 18 year-old engineering student and started roofing in the holidays. I didn't plan for a roofing career but the money was good and I could be my own boss. I learnt from older roofers and tried all types of roofing. It is challenging work and you need to be always learning, planning ahead and having goals but the prospects are excellent. It's given me an income to indulge my passion for cars – from a Fairmont V8 to building a 1930 Model A Tourer with a 350 chev engine (\$55k). This year I bought a 2007 Chrysler 300c Touring SRT8 (\$88,000) with a 6.1 litre Hemi V8 420hp engine so it's like a hotrod but smooth and takes all the family. Next on my shopping list is a Porsche 911 GT2 – I'll have a new one before I turn 40. I have always paid for advice from accountants, lawyers and business development experts because the correct advice can help you make good money quickly. Roofing has given me freedom of choice to do the things I want including buying around \$2 million worth of investment property...and I'm only 35!”

Aaron Card, Far North Roofing Ltd



EXCELLENT PROSPECTS

Roofers are in high demand! So if the idea of working outdoors in different locations appeals and you're keen to be hands-on with solving problems using the latest technology and materials, then a career in roofing is worth considering.

KEY ATTRactions:

- Earn as you learn
- Highly sought after skills
- Formal trade qualifications
- Roofing is a trade for life
- Earn a good living
- Enjoy an outdoor lifestyle
- Work with a variety of materials, design and technology available
- Good career path
- Own your own business – if you're that way inclined

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I always wanted a job working outdoors and roofing is good because not only am I out in the fresh air but I get to work in different places, sometimes on several jobs at once if a job's been held up. I'm never bored, make new friends moving around and enjoy working hard and learning new skills.”

WORKING OUTDOORS

Instead of being desk bound, roofers work outdoors in a variety of locations and environments. Roofing appeals to many candidates who like the mobility and different challenges that roofing offers people who are comfortable working at height and want to acquire skills in a specialised area of the building sector.



Daimon Noho, North Harbour Roofing Ltd

Keen rugby player and surfer, James Putt was the top student in the National Certificate for Metal Roofing and Wall Cladding, winning the Dimond Award for Excellence in 2007. James has ideal physical attributes for roofing – strong arms and back and reasonable fitness – which he combines with good practical and organisational skills. His employers are so impressed he's accepted an offer of a directorship with the company.

ACHIEVING A QUALIFICATION

The Roofing ITO offers apprentices the opportunity to become qualified in seven different roofing types. These are Metal Roofing & Cladding, Metal Tile roofing, Membrane roofing, Torch-On membrane roofing, Slate & Shingle roofing, Concrete Tile roofing and Liquid Membrane roofing. Additional strands available are Translucent roofing and Foreperson.



James Putt, Comag Ltd

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I first thought about roofing after a school careers evening in 2005 and got a job later that year. We install some of the more unusual materials like slate, clay tiles and cedar shingles on some rather spectacular homes. I love the job, especially when you see the end result and think that these roofs are going to be enjoyed by many future generations.”



Lucas Pope, Natural Roofing Products Ltd

REWARD OF PRIDE IN THE JOB

There are opportunities within the industry to work in specialised areas where apprentices have the chance to become qualified roofers and then expand their knowledge and experience in a variety of ways.

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Since leaving school I've been learning about membrane roofing. I've been to a beginner's membrane roofing course and a height safety course and I'm hoping to enter into an apprenticeship so I can get a formal qualification.”



Jordan Cowan, Senior Roofing (2006) Ltd

LEARNING A TRADE STRAIGHT FROM SCHOOL

Roofing is a specialised trade and one where keen school leavers can start acquiring skills straight away as an apprentice. Learning on-the-job can eventually lead to NZQA National Certificate in Roofing qualifications, maximising future opportunities.

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Roofing is all about learning as you earn. We have tool box sessions like here where we're checking the set out before installing metal tiles. It really helps when you're doing an apprenticeship to learn about technical and safety stuff but have an income while you're doing it.”



Irai Pohio, Bay of Islands Roofing Ltd

EARN AS YOU LEARN

A roofing apprentice can train on the job and earn good money in the process of becoming qualified without the burden of a student loan. There are good prospects in the roofing industry if you're keen to get ahead, advance your career and ultimately own your own business.

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Being safe on the job was something I learned early in my apprenticeship – like how to identify hazards, how to use and operate equipment safely and how to use a harness correctly when working in areas of the roof where there's a risk of falling.”



James Campbell, Project Roofing Ltd

SAFETY ON THE JOB

The Roofing Association works closely with the Department of Labour in its adherence to the Health & Safety in Employment Act 1991 and the Health & Safety in Employment Regulations 1995 to ensure there is complete safety in the workplace when working at height on residential and commercial roofing construction and maintenance.



**Are you a school leaver or an adult
looking for a career change?
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