

Smoothing the Way

A Transition Guide for Deaf and Hearing Impaired Students



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Ask yourself ...

What are my skills?

What am I good at doing?

What are my interests?

What do I enjoy doing?

What job do I want to do? How much money do I want to make?

Will this course help me into the job I want?

Do I need a qualification to do this job? What level of qualification?

Do I need to do an apprenticeship?

Will this career pay me what I want to earn?

What are the entry requirements for the course?

Do I need certain school qualifications?

Do I need to read and write English well?

Do I need to pass an exam or have an interview?

Do I need to do a foundation course first?

Where is the course?

Is it far from home?

Will I need to move into a flat or a hostel?

What transport will I need?

How long is the course?

6 months, 1 year, 3 years, 5 years?

How long until I can start working and earning money?

How long can I afford to study?

What does the course cost?

Can I afford the course fees?

What allowances or scholarships could help me?

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You can find information from...

Careers Advisers / Employment Advisers

Schools, universities and polytechnics have Careers Advisers.
The Deaf Association of New Zealand has Employment Advisers.

These advisers can tell you about career paths, and what qualifications will help you to your goals.

Students

Talk to students who are studying or who have finished studying similar courses. What are their experiences? Do they have advice for you?

Tutors

Talk with tutors or Course Co-ordinators before you enrol in a course.

Open days

Many universities or polytechnics hold open days, when you can visit the campus and talk to tutors and advisers.

Contact the university or polytechnic you are interested in, to ask if they have open days scheduled.

www.careers.govt.nz

A government website with information about different careers and work environments, and the study you need to do to get there.

www.advancecentre.org.nz

Check our website for information on scholarships and other resources.