

Mahi Ora Ōpōtiki

Together growing
good jobs and the
workforce

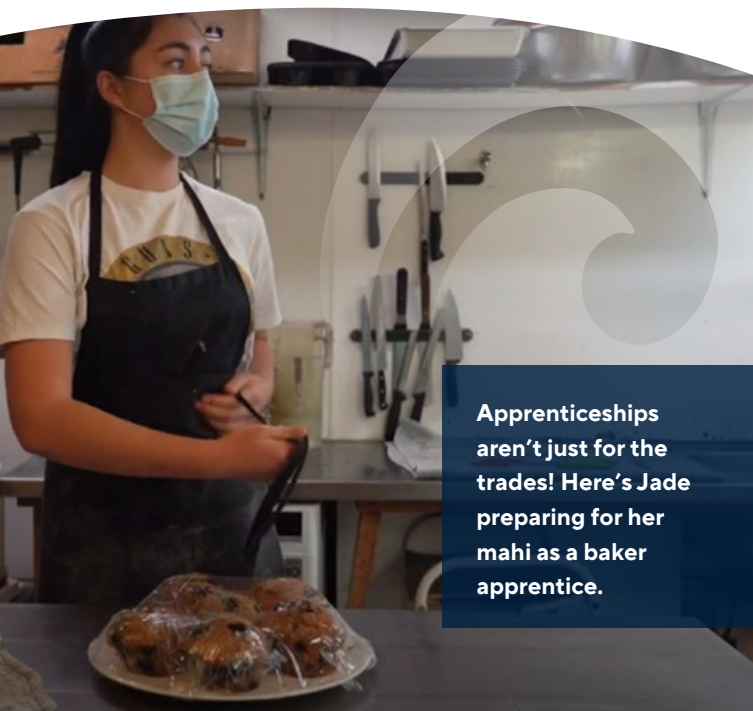


Ōpōtiki District Council's Workforce Team co-ordinates between local employers, employment support services and training and education providers.

With all the growth happening locally, successful businesses and locals doing well in good jobs are high priorities.

Our mahi What we do

We help join the dots between jobs and people wanting them. Together with local iwi, employers, community and government stakeholders we offer support, training, education and skills development in Ōpōtiki. We are all part of Mahi Ora Ōpōtiki - Pathways to Work.



Apprenticeships aren't just for the trades! Here's Jade preparing for her mahi as a baker apprentice.



Mayor Moore with some of our Mayors' Taskforce for Jobs partners.



Manaia and Anthony seen here after successful practical tests with the Community Driver Mentor Programme cars behind them.

- **We manage the Ōpōtiki Mayors' Taskforce for Jobs Programme**, including the Rural Community Resilience Programme funded by Ministry of Social Development. This programme supports people into mahi who have been unemployed (including high school leavers and those coming off a training programme), underemployed (i.e., casual) or otherwise disadvantaged in the labour market. We have business and employee support available.
- **We link job seekers to support, training and (of course!) jobs.** To help with this we compile information about current local vacancies and training opportunities in fortnightly updates. We share this online at odc.govt.nz/WorkforceMatters and also email it out to hundreds of people, businesses, and social service/government partners who have joined our database so far.
- **We link local businesses to subsidies and support to make it easier to bring on new employees or apprentices.** We can do this through the MTfJ programme or through partner organisations such as the Ministry of Social Development (MSD).
- **We co-ordinate a local programme of training and industry-specific education** that our local businesses request, using local training providers where possible.
- **We support Class 1 Driver Licencing initiatives** including learner licences, the Ōpōtiki Community Driver Mentor Programme delivered locally by Eastbay REAP, and Defensive Driving Courses. We're especially proud of the Mentoring Programme which helps people through the toughest parts – Restricted and Full Licence practicals and tests. The programme provides mentoring, practice drives in both Ōpōtiki and Whakatāne, and a pre-drive immediately before the official test, as well as a vehicle to practice/test in if needed.
- **We partner with local regional and national training organisations** that can help local businesses, for example Rudz Driver training, VHNZ, EMA, Hato Hone (St Johns Ambulance). And we also partner with Outward Bound that can offer fantastic experiences to rangatahi.

See more at www.odc.govt.nz/WorkforceMatters

Results so far

May 2023

Helped **201** people find sustainable employment
(more than 30 hours a week for at least a year)

Provided **111** Mayors' Taskforce for Jobs subsidies

Helped **303** people successfully complete training courses for their job

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Driver licencing

We've supported:

20 get their Learner licence

259 get their Restricted licence

62 get their Full licence

28 complete a defensive driving course

Contact us if:

- You're an **employer** who wants to advertise a vacancy, or learn more about the business and employee support we can provide through programmes like Mayors' Taskforce for Jobs
- You're a **jobseeker** looking for a job, support, or training opportunities
- You're a **social service provider** who wants to know more about these initiatives or find out how to work with us

Email: workforce@odc.govt.nz

Visit: odc.govt.nz/workforcematters

Cover photo: Joshua, a MTfJ subsidy recipient, completed his welding training in late 2022.

