



# Aotearoa Career and Management Institute (ACMI)

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) For Diploma in Cyber Security (Level 6)

### i) Do I need any previous knowledge from the IT department?

Students enrolling on this programme are recommended to hold any one of the following qualifications:

- \* New Zealand Diploma in Information Technology Technical Support (Level 5)
- \* New Zealand Diploma in Information Systems (Level 5)
- \* New Zealand Diploma in Web Design and Development (Level 5)
- \* New Zealand Diploma in Software Development (Level 6)
- \* Other Level 5 IT-related qualification
- \* Completed the first year of an IT degree or **have an equivalent knowledge, skills or experience. Alternatively, a student with equivalent skills for tertiary study gained through study, work and/or life experience may be able to gain entry on approval of the interview panel.**

In addition to the above requirement,

### Domestic students must:

- \* be a New Zealand citizen or Permanent Resident for at least three years.
- \* be 18 years of age or older at the start of the programme.
- \* have an acceptable New Zealand Police vetting outcome.

### ii) What is the structure of the programme?

On-campus, On-job or Online.

### iii) How long will this course be for/ Course duration?

This course is for 1-year Full Time study comprising with 2 Semesters.

Total Study Weeks                      40 (Excluding 6 holiday weeks)

### iv) Do we have weekday or weekend classes?

We're also considering offering weekend and evening classes to help balance work and upskilling for domestic students. However, the hands-on sessions may occur on campus, online, or at a practical/internship location.

### v) Is it a morning or evening or Afterhours class?



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We offer the course in the evening and online to meet the needs of local students. We're also offering the weekend course to help balance work and upskilling. For domestic student, we're considering occupying four days (6.00 pm – 10.30pm) a week and one session per weekday. Alternatively, we may offer some sessions in weekends if required. However, the hands-on sessions may occur on campus, online, or at a practical/internship location.

### vi) Is it a fully class-based course? Do I need to come to college every day?

For local students, Online classes are available, except for the practical sessions or when they're placed in an internship.

### vii) I have a job during the day; can I study in the evening?

We offer the course in the evening and online to accommodate the requirements of our domestic students.

### viii) If it is Online/Remote, how I participate in a Work-based project?

We provide the course in the evening and online to meet the needs of our local students. The course is fully online for domestic students, except for practice sessions or when placed in an internship. Our industry partner collaborates with us for work-based projects and practical/internships. They have access to the world's most extensive cyber security labs, which include McAfee, Kaspersky, ESET, Checkpoint, and Fortinet. These labs are available both physically and entirely cloud-based. We'll choose the most appropriate option to fit our students' requirements, whether online or at the industry partner's physical location.

### Delivery Methods for Face-to-Face:

Campus attendance is required when the course/ practical/ internship is offered on campus

### Delivery Methods for Blended:

Campus attendance is not required. Work placement is the same. This mode is suitable for domestic students only. The delivery methods include, but are not limited to:

- \* Online access to lectures
- \* Online support and mentoring
- \* Access to Moodle LMS
- \* Access to Google Drive for group work
- \* Access to the virtual learning environment (VLE)
- \* Access to ACMI Library
- \* Online class discussions, group activities and workshops
- \* Online activities
- \* Online Tutorials and problem clinics
- \* Case studies, projects, programming assignments
- \* Practical computer lab work
- \* Work experience placement



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\* Self-directed learning - homework, reading and research, self-study activities.

### ix) How to know my National Student Number (NSN)

If you do not know or forget your NSN you can get one from <https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/about-us/contact-us/the-call-centre-nsn/>.

### x) How to check my eligibility of Feesfree study?

You can check your fees free study eligibility from <https://www.feesfree.govt.nz/>.

### xi) What sort of Salary am I expecting to the end of this Qualification achieved?

The salary after completing a Diploma in Cybersecurity Level 6 course in New Zealand can vary depending on factors such as experience, location, and employer. However, according to data from the New Zealand Government's careers website Careers.govt.nz, the salary range for cybersecurity professionals in New Zealand can range from \$55,000 to \$150,000 per year.

It's important to note that this salary range is for all cybersecurity professionals, not just those who have completed a Diploma in Cybersecurity Level 6 course. Additionally, this broad range encompasses different roles and levels of experience within cybersecurity.

It's worth researching specific job titles and companies in New Zealand to understand better the salary range for graduates of a Diploma in Cybersecurity Level 6 course. Websites such as Seek.co.nz and Trade Me Jobs can provide more specific information on job opportunities and salaries in the cybersecurity field.

It's important to note that salaries can change over time and vary based on the job market and economic conditions. Therefore, it's always a good idea to conduct your research and speak with professionals in the field to better understand salary expectations.

## xii) How to enrol?

Please visit our website [www.acmi.ac.nz](http://www.acmi.ac.nz). You can apply online. Should you need any further clarification, you can contact us at +64 9 302 2266 or email us at [admin@acmi.ac.nz](mailto:admin@acmi.ac.nz).

### xiii) Where to find jobs for this skill?

You can search for cyber security jobs in New Zealand in various places. Some common job search platforms in New Zealand are Seek, TradeMe Jobs, and Indeed. You can also check out the websites of specific companies that you are interested in, as they may list their job vacancies directly on their website. In addition to these, specialised job boards cater specifically to the IT and cyber security industry, such as MyJobSpace, Cyber Security Jobs NZ, and ITP Jobs. Networking is also a valuable way to discover job opportunities. Attending industry events or



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reaching out to industry professionals may also help you find suitable cybersecurity jobs in New Zealand.