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Polytech reduces fees on engineering and chef programmes

Students keen on studying engineering in Westport or culinary arts in Greymouth will be able to enjoy reduced fees if they begin their training in 2013.

Both of Tai Poutini Polytechnic's engineering and culinary arts programmes are new qualifications offered in partnership with the Waiariki Institute of Technology. TPP's West Coast Coordinator Marja Kneepkens says TPP will offer reduced fee scholarships to anyone 18 years or over who starts studying the programmes in 2013.

"TPP wants to reduce barriers to education for Coasters and as we already offer the government's youth guarantee scheme which gives 16 and 17 year olds the opportunity for free fees we thought it would be good to extend a discounted fee option to students over 18 for two of our new programmes. There is no guarantee the reduced fee scholarships will be available past 2013, so I recommend enquiring now if you've been thinking about enrolling," she says.

The cost for the Certificate in Engineering (Fitting and Turning) has been reduced to \$3,000. The 32-week programme already has nine students enrolled and begins in Westport on 22 July, finishing on 21 February 2014. TPP is fitting its workshop out with brand new state-of-the-art equipment so the programme will prepare people well for work in the industry.

Fees for the two-year Diploma in Professional Culinary Arts have been reduced to \$3,072 per year for the programme starting in Greymouth on 29 July 2013. This is the first year TPP has offered the level five diploma qualification. A DVD showcasing TPP's training kitchen and a cooking demonstration by lead tutor Alex Hayward and tutor Stuart Perry can be viewed through this link on <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZlznAl4TweE>

Students who live in Westport and wish to study at TPP's Greymouth campus may also apply

for an accommodation scholarship which gives students staying in polytechnic accommodation \$75 a week towards their accommodation costs.

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