

Job Title Trainee Meteorologist

Responsible To Manager, Meteorological Advice & Training

Location Kelburn, Wellington, New Zealand

Job Purpose Preparation for a career in MetService as a Meteorologist

Job Dimension Salaried student position for initial period corresponding to one academic year, including:

- internal examinations and Simulations at MetService, and
- examinations for the Postgraduate Certificate or Diploma in Meteorology at Victoria University of Wellington. The Postgraduate Diploma also requires successful completion of a project. Full details of these qualifications may be obtained from the University, or from their website at <http://www.vuw.ac.nz>.

Salaried on-the-job training (coaching) as a forecaster for remainder of Fixed Term Agreement, typically four to eight weeks.

Key Results

1. Successful completion of all course work, including the Postgraduate Certificate or Diploma in Meteorology.
2. Proof of ability as an operational weather forecaster.
3. Full understanding of MetService's Vision and the employee's role in fulfilling it.

Ideal Person Specification

Essential

- University degree - usually a BSc, BSc (Hons) or MSc, with a mathematics, physics or geophysics major
- Ability to think conceptually, critically and quickly
- Ability to communicate clearly in speech and writing
- Robust physical and mental health
- Ability to cope with rotating shiftwork
- Questioning attitude
- Ability to understand customers' needs and risks and how to convey information of value
- Team attitude
- Liking for process work and ability to cope under time pressure
- A twinkle in the eye!

Desirable

- Some knowledge of programming and/or statistical methods
- Well-developed time management skills
- Some awareness of the influences of the weather on human activity and the physical environment
- Willingness to contribute to organisational change
- Experience in the use of common types of computers and software