



The Industry

There are ongoing vacancies throughout New Zealand for workers in the rural contracting industry. These are mostly for Agricultural Machinery Operators, employed to operate self-propelled agricultural machinery such as harvesters and spraying rigs, or tractors, towed implements, trucks and utes.

Rural contracting is a hi-tech industry. Much of the machinery uses GPS, TracMap and other software systems to support drivers and to maximise productivity.. Operating in many and varied terrains, drivers become highly skilled and sought after, in New Zealand and overseas.

The work is conducted in the rural sector, often on of different sites, servicing the farming community.

The work is usually full time and while activity drops during winter it significantly increases during the growing season, typically from September to April.

The rural contracting industry covers a wide range of activities as detailed below.

Requirements

To work in the rural contracting industry applicants need the following:

A willingness to work, sometimes long hours depending upon the weather and crop requirements

A capacity to work in rural areas, sometimes isolated and on your own.

An attitude to get the job done and to maximise productivity and vehicle efficiency

Health and safety are extremely important, you may be using large, complex and expensive machines in close proximity to other people or vehicles.

A Class 1 Drivers Licence (Full or Restricted), overseas equivalent or an overseas Tractor Licence



An ability to look after yourself, ensure your own nutrition and hydration is appropriate, and to generally take care of your own welfare. As the work is safety sensitive, workers need to be drug free.

Previous experience in agricultural machinery operations is preferable but all applicants who meet the requirements will be considered, especially those experienced in using any large mobile machinery or equipment.

Application

To register your interest for this work, go to <https://worktheseasons.co.nz/hello> and complete the Job Seeker registration.

Rural Contracting Activities

Aeration	Baling/Balage/Hay	Biosecurity
Cartage (incl stock)	Cultivation	Direct Drilling
Drilling	Earth Moving	Effluent/Manure Spreading
Effluent Ponds	Excavation/digger/demolition	Farm Conversion
Farm Drainage/drain cleaning		Feeding out
Fencing	Fertiliser Spreading & Spraying	Forestry & Logging
Harvesting Fodder Beet	Harvesting Forage/Silage/Maize	
Harvesting Grain/Alka/Seed		Hedge & Shelter Cut
Horticulture	Irrigation/stock water	Land Clearing & Development
Mowing (incl remote)	Mulching (incl remote)	Park & Reserve Maintenance
Ploughing	Precision Planting	Post driving/ramming
Property Maintenance	Recycling (plastics)	Root Raking
Rut filling	Slug bait	Stone picking
Stone/rock/quarry	Track/Road Maintenance/Sweeping	



Tree felling/topping/chipping/grinding

Viticulture

Weighbridges

Wilding Pine control

Windrowing

Agrichemical Application Activities

Spraying – Aerial

Spraying –Aquatic

Spraying –Broadacre

Spraying –Brush Weed Control

Spraying –External Parasites/Sheep Dipping

Spraying –Moss/Roof

Spraying –Tree & Vine

Spraying –Total Vegetation