

Develop job hunting skills

A suggestion for implementing the strategy 'Prepare ākonga with future-focused skills' from the Guide: [Preparing students to leave school](#)

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 - Practise self-advocacy skills
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Practise skills employers value

Discuss with students the seven essential employability skills and how they can develop them.

Posters and more information is available on the [Careers NZ](#) website.

- 1 Positive attitude
- 2 Communication
- 3 Teamwork
- 4 Self-management
- 5 Willingness to learn
- 6 Thinking skills (problem solving and decision making)
- 7 Resilience.

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Practise self-advocacy skills

Ben talks about the self-advocacy skills he uses to request and explain the supports he needs to be successful.



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Create CVs and cover letters

A CV or Curriculum Vitae showcases a person's work experience, achievements, awards and qualifications.

A cover letter accompanies a CV when you apply for a job.

The School Leavers' Toolkit and Careers NZ have tips and tools students can use.

- [Writing your CV](#) – School Leavers' Toolkit
- [CVs and cover letters](#) – Careers NZ
- [CV Builder](#) – Careers NZ

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Prepare for job interviews

To prepare for job interviews, research the place of employment, discuss appropriate dress code, and practise interview questions and techniques.

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- [Interviews](#) – Careers NZ
- [How to prepare for a job interview](#) – School Leavers' Toolkit

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Check the job offer

Help students to understand their rights and responsibilities at work and to check job offers.



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<https://school-leavers-toolkit.education.govt.nz/en/getting-a-job/my-rights-and-responsibilities-at-work/>

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