



## **Pukekohe, Auckland, New Zealand**

The Franklin Institute of Agri-Technology (Franklin Agritech) is located south of Auckland on the fringes of major vegetable growing area of New Zealand. This NZQA-registered Private Training Establishment (PTE) is housed on a horticultural production site and operates as part and parcel of the Rupex Group of companies. Rupex Growtech Ltd ([www.rupex.co.nz](http://www.rupex.co.nz)) has been operating in New Zealand since 1998 and is a key player in the Franklin district horticultural production industry. Rupex offers government recognised training under the aegis of Primary Industry Training Organisation.

**Franklin Institute of Agri-technology (FIAT)** is a signatory to the **Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students** and has designated staff and systems to ensure your well-being throughout your study.

### **Learn new skills for a growing industry...**

Horticulture is a booming industry in New Zealand and the country is leading the way in techniques and production. Skills and experience gained in New Zealand will advantage anyone keen to be part of the growing industries serving the booming food supply chain of major cities throughout the world.

### **Come to study ...**

#### **NATIONAL CERTIFICATE IN HORTICULTURE Level 4 Advanced (NCH4A):**

Recognising the emerging need for trained horticultural staff in the country on the one hand and our in-house capability to provide hands-on practical and high quality training, on the other hand, we are offering teaching/training in Horticulture production leading to the National Certificate in Horticulture Level 4 (Advanced).

The NCH4A is a two year programme and will be spread over two years with on-site teaching and practical training, preparing students toward National Certificate in Horticulture Level 4 Advanced (NCH 4 Advanced).FIAT is fully accredited by NZQA (New Zealand Qualifications Authority) for this programme and it will be moderated by the Primary ITO, the National Standards setting body in agriculture/horticulture training in the country. This qualification will make graduates eligible to take up horticultural jobs at operational level. For details Please see: <http://www.fiat.ac.nz/index.php?page=national-certificate-in-horticulture-level-4-advanced-nch4a>

**Graduates will have good career prospects such as:** Nursery/Crop grower, Agronomist, Horticultural consultant, Horticultural sales person, Botanical Garden caretaker, and Council staff

**Immigration:** Students who complete the two-year programme, will be eligible to apply to NZ Immigration for a one year 'Post Study Work Visa (Open) which can be converted to Post study work visa (Employer assisted) for two years when a suitable employment offer is received.

## **ENTRY CRITERIA:**

- General requirements:
  - Age 18 or above.
  - Achievement of NCEA Level 2 or equivalent
  - Physical fitness sufficient to complete the practical aspects of the programme (About 60-65% of the programme will involve field work)
- Additional admission requirements for international students are:
  - Completion of 10 years of schooling and achievement of the equivalent to the New Zealand NCEA Level 2 qualification;
  - English language competency as demonstrated by achievement of IELTS overall band score of 5.5 (with no band lower than 5) or equivalent.

For more details on enrolment and fees visit our website: [www.fiat.ac.nz](http://www.fiat.ac.nz)

## **PROFESSIONAL/ SPECIALIST TRAINING:**

FIAT also offers much specialised training packages in specific areas of Greenhouse crop production. These packages run for periods of up to 12 weeks and focus on actually learning and doing the job. At the end of the training the trainee should be able to handle the project fairly independently, especially from technological angles. These trainings are meant for people who has studied horticulture to adequate level and are working in the relevant field. The training packages currently available are;

### **Vegetable seedling nursery:**

Comprehensive vegetable seedling production which includes crop scheduling, variety selection, growing seed in plastic cell trays, using precision seeding machines, aftercare of growing seedlings, parameters to get these right and ready on time, disease pest management etc.



**Cymbidium orchids for cut flowers:** An intensive training programme which includes establishing cymbidium crops in greenhouses, using drip irrigation system and feeding regime, disease pest management, environment regulation, flower tying up, and picking, grading and packaging for export. Also the trainee will be made aware about the crop climatic requirements and sensitivities.

Please contact us directly for more details on these training packages.



**Gain international experience while studying in a fresh, green friendly country...**

New Zealand is known world-wide for its high-quality education system, its beautiful environment and its friendly people. You can experience all of this while you study.

## **About us...**

**RUPEX GROUP** (Rupex Growtech Ltd, Franklin Institute of Agri-Technology, and its Directors) among themselves hold various professional accreditations and memberships, including:

### **ACCREDITATIONS:**

- Accredited to NZQA to deliver and assess teaching/training programme in Horticulture production to the level of National Certificate in Horticulture level 4 Advanced.
- Accreditation from Primary ITO: We are accredited for training and assessing in-job staff to the level of National Certificate in Horticulture L4 Advanced
- Associate member of the HortNZ which is a National industry and represents 5,500 commercial fruit and vegetable growers, providing strategic direction and focus, building strong relationships with product groups and associations and working at both a national and regional level. ( [www.hortnz.co.nz](http://www.hortnz.co.nz) )
- GAP (Good Agricultural Practices) accredited to ensure maintain high standards in practices and operations at workplace. NZ GAP is a quality assurance programme that provides a traceable, accountable system from crop to customer for production of horticultural crops. It ensures that best practices are in place for the production, packaging and distribution of New Zealand fresh produce, and reduces the risk of health, safety and environmental issues - so customers can buy with confidence. <http://www.nzgap.org.nz/>
- 'Growsafe and approved hander' certificate holder which covers knowledge and practices required for safe, responsible and effective use of agrichemicals, based on the Industry Standard, [www.growsafe.co.nz](http://www.growsafe.co.nz)
- Export certification for export of Cymbidium cut flowers to USA
- Signatory to code of practice for international students  
<http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/assets/Providers-and-partners/Code-of-Practice-NZQA.pdf>



Certificate of Accreditation



## **MEMBERSHIPS:**

- Professional Member Royal Society of New Zealand
- Member International Horticultural Society
- Member NZ Institute of Agriculture and Horticulture Sciences
- Member International Plant Propagation Society
- Member Auckland Chambers of Commerce
- Member India NZ Business council
- Member NZ China Association

## **HORTICULTURE INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE**

**Rupex Growtech Ltd** is a locally owned and operated horticulture production and supply company. Established in 1998 and based in Pukekohe, a major vegetable producing area of New Zealand, Rupex has emerged as a leading supplier of vegetable planting material to the commercial growers in the Auckland region. Currently, our company's main areas of activity are:

### Vegetable planting material:

- Crop planning: Preparing 'sow-transplant-harvest' schedule for year-round continuous production to cater to the supply chain commitments of the commercial growers.
- Procuring high quality seed for locally adapted and high performing/stable varieties.
- Producing and supplying plug plants to commercial growers on a contractual basis
- Collecting field and market feedback and integrating it into future crop planning.
- Adaptive research to identify suitable varieties for the evolving production and market requirements.

For the last 15 years we have been successfully servicing the greens supply chain with high quality and timely delivered plug plants for outdoor and glass house crops.



### Cut flowers:

In 2008, we set up a Cymbidium orchid production unit for cut flower production. Since, the Cymbidium unit has been producing and supplying high quality orchids for competitive export markets like the USA, Japan, and Middle East etc.

### In service training:

Under the aegis of then NZITO (now Primary ITO), we train and assess staff members, for unit standards leading to the National Certificate in Horticulture Level 4 (advance).

### Technology transfer:

'The Growers' magazine, an official HortNZ publication has been publishing our work/experience on various aspects of crop production which mainly focuses on the use of right varieties, disease-pest management and greenhouses production/Management etc. Please refer to Publications list on the web site.

## **Information for International Students**

### Code of Practice

Franklin Institute of Agri-Technology (FIAT) has agreed to observe and be bound by the Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students. Copies of the Code are available from the NZQA website at [www.nzqa.govt.nz](http://www.nzqa.govt.nz).

### Immigration

If you are an international student you must fulfil all requirements of your visa and maintain your student visa status for the length of your programme.

Full details of immigration requirements, advice on rights to employment in New Zealand while studying, and reporting requirements are available from Immigration New Zealand, and can be viewed on their website at [www.immigration.govt.nz](http://www.immigration.govt.nz).

### Eligibility for Health Services

Most international students are not entitled to publicly funded health services while in New Zealand. If you receive medical treatment during your visit, you may be liable for the full costs of that treatment. Full details on entitlements to publicly funded health services are available through the Ministry of Health, and can be viewed on their website at [www.moh.govt.nz](http://www.moh.govt.nz).

### Accident Insurance

The Accident Compensation Corporation provides accident insurance for all New Zealand citizens, residents, and temporary visitors to New Zealand, but you may still be liable for all other medical and related costs.

Further information can be viewed on the ACC website at [www.acc.co.nz](http://www.acc.co.nz).

### Medical and Travel Insurance

International students (including group students) must have appropriate and current medical and travel insurance for the duration of their travel and studywhile in New Zealand. FIAT has made arrangements with a respected insurance company, UNI-CARE (<https://www.uni-care.org/>) to provide insurance tailored to international students and we can arrange this for you. The medical and travel insurance will commence as soon as FIAT is notified of the issuing of your date of travel to New Zealand.

## **Application and enrolment process**

### **International students**

If you are interested in enrolling with FIAT, you should first contact either one of FIAT's agents or directly contact the Administrator at FIAT.

FIAT (or our agent) will send you more information including a course information pack, links to more information on our website, response/s to any specific questions, a **FIAT Application Form** and a list of necessary **Supporting Documents**.

To continue with your enrolment you will need to send to FIAT (either directly or through our agent) the completed FIAT Application Form along with verified copies of supporting documents.

All applicants will be sent an **Acknowledgement Email** within two working days from the date of receipt of the application. This will include a Student ID number and a checklist of any outstanding documents.

Once all supporting documents are received, the application will be assessed. All successful applicants will be sent an **Offer of Place**, or a **Conditional Offer of Place**. Any unsuccessful applicants will be notified of the outcome with reasons listed.

If you receive an Offer of Place and accept the offer, you will then be required to pay the fee as notified in the offer letter.

If you have a few requirements outstanding, you will be issued a Conditional Offer of Place. If you receive a conditional offer of place, then you will need to meet all of the conditions before an unconditional offer is sent.

As soon as the fee is paid, the receipt will be sent to the candidate to enable you to apply for a student visa. Our agent will assist you with the visa application.

## **Domestic students**

If you are interested in enrolling with FIAT, you should first contact the Administrator at FIAT.

We will send you more information including a course information pack, links to more information on our website, a **FIAT Application Form** and a list of necessary **Supporting Documents**. Some of these will need to be either originals or verified copies.

If you have any specific questions we will answer these or invite you to come and visit us.

To continue with your enrolment you will need to send (or bring) us the completed FIAT Application Form.

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**Contact us:**

For more information or enrolment details, please refer to our website: [www.fiat.ac.nz](http://www.fiat.ac.nz) or contact us directly:

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