

WHY BECOME A PLANNER?

Planning is a rewarding career choice

Planning is a profession that builds communities, protects the environment, enhances economic value and improves the choices for where and how people live, work and spend their leisure time.

The salaries planners earn are attractive, there are excellent career prospects throughout the world, and the skills you would develop can be used in other professions.

Planning is a career in which you can help shape a better future for New Zealand.



TO FIND OUT MORE

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HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF NEW ZEALAND

Become a Planner!



Planners deal with today's problems and tomorrow's challenges

WHERE DO PLANNERS WORK?

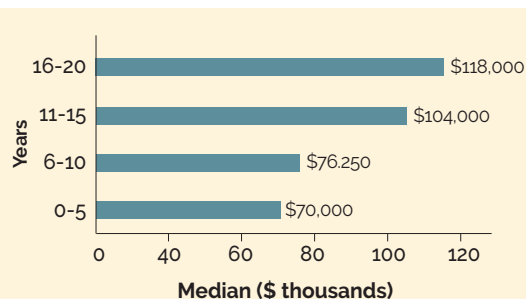
Planners work in a wide range of organisations including:

- Local government such as city, district and regional councils
- Government departments such as the Ministry for the Environment, Department of Conservation, Ministry of Transport, Land Information NZ
- Private consulting firms
- Iwi organisations
- Non-government organisations such as Forest & Bird
- Industry and businesses such as energy companies, property developers, growers associations.

WHAT ARE AVERAGE SALARIES FOR A PLANNER?

In 2018, an average starting salary for a graduate planner was \$67,000 p.a.

MEDIAN ANNUAL SALARY BY YEARS OF EXPERIENCE



IS A PLANNING CAREER RIGHT FOR YOU?

Are you interested in shaping the future, improving the quality of life for people, protecting and improving our natural and built environment?

If you answered **yes**, then planning could be right for you.



Your planning career checklist:

- ☐ You want to protect the natural and built environment
- ☐ You want to help shape our towns and cities
- ☐ You want to be part of a dynamic, innovative profession
- ☐ You are a creative thinker
- ☐ Communication is one of your strengths
- ☐ You enjoy working in a team
- ☐ You enjoy working with communities
- ☐ You enjoy research and analysis



USEFUL SUBJECTS FOR A CAREER IN PLANNING

Planning is a broad profession. Subjects that are relevant include:

Geography, History, Social Studies, Tourism, Economics, Maths, Science, Art, Graphic Design, Te Reo Māori.

If you are interested in exploring a career in planning, talk to your High School Career Advisor.

