



University of New England

UNIVERSITY OF
NEW ENGLAND

Natural Resources Work Experience



| CANDIDATE DETAILS | | | |
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| Name | | | Student Number |
| Degree Program | | | Year in Degree |

| VACATION WORK EXPERIENCE DETAILS | | | |
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| Employer | | | Phone Number |
| Address | | | Fax |
| | | | E-mail |
| | | | No weeks claimed |
| Contact Name | | | Category (a) |
| Employment Period | From | To | Category (b) |

| OUTLINE WORK EXPERIENCE GAINED | | | |
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| Provide a brief description of work performed and approximate proportion of total time spent on: Category (a) activities of labouring and general duties Category (b) activities related to natural resources management | | | |
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| Student Signature | | | Date |

| TO BE COMPLETED BY THE EMPLOYER | | | |
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| Name | | | Position |
| Company | | | Phone |
| | | | Fax |
| I certify that : | completed practical work with this organisation as outlined above. | | |
| Signature | | | Date |
| Please provide comments if desired. | | | |
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| COURSE COORDINATOR | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------|--|---------------|
| Signature | | | Date received |
| Number of weeks credited | Category (a) | | Category (b) |



BNatRes, BNatRes/LLB, BNatRes/BURP, BNatRes/BE(Ncle)

1. The rules for the degree of Bachelor of Natural Resources and the combined degrees of Bachelor of Natural Resources/Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Natural Resources/Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning, and Bachelor of Natural Resources/Bachelor of Engineering (Newcastle) require that students must gain approved practical experience during their candidature. Faculty rules specifies a minimum requirement of 12 weeks for the BNatRes, BNatRes/LLB, and BNatRes/BURP and at least 16 weeks for the BNatRes/ BE(Ncle).

For the purpose of these rules a week is taken to be five working days involving a total of 35 to 40 hours.

2. Practical work requirements are prescribed so that student may gain first-hand experience in issues associated with many occupations involving natural resources management. Candidates may wish to gain a wide range of experiences in the work place, but emphasis should be placed on jobs related to the chosen coursework program. Both office and field experience is acceptable and indeed desirable. Towards the later stages of the degree, candidates should try to gain employment in a resource management agency at a technical or sub-professional level. This employment should include activities where candidates can demonstrate their initiative and skills or use knowledge gained from the degree program.

Please note: (a) First and second year students can gain a maximum of 10 days credit for work done to support other students doing Honours and Graduate Diploma project work, and
(b) Third and fourth year students can gain a maximum of 10 days credit for work done to support other students doing postgraduate research. Prior approval must be obtained from the Award Coordinator for Natural Resources before the commencement of this work.

3. Occupations normally considered suitable for practical work include general labouring duties for resource management agencies (or in certain circumstances farm labouring); working in forestry or forest-related activities; working for mining companies or civil engineering enterprises; assisting park rangers in undertaking their duties; helping collect data for research programs or resource management purposes; or office and field duties in research organisations or resource management agencies. Candidates are normally only permitted to count up to a maximum of four (4) weeks toward their practical experience for labouring and other activities that are only marginally related to natural resource management (for example, farm hand, machine operator, truck driver, deck hand etc.).
4. Each candidate must submit to the Award Coordinator or the Chair of the Board of Studies a Practical Work form describing the experience gained and indicate the proportion of the time spent on (a) labouring and general duties and (b) resource management related activities (including engineering activities for the combined BNatRes/BE(Ncle)). The employer must sign the form. A separate form must be completed for each period of employment. Forms are available from the Administrative Assistant in Ecosystem Management or from the internet using the home page of Ecosystem Management.
5. Candidates unable to arrange suitable work experience should seek assistance from the Award Coordinator or an academic staff member.
6. Practical work experience is an essential degree requirement and will be entered on each candidate's academic record in the final year of the degree. Candidates will not be permitted to graduate until the prerequisite work experience has been successfully completed.