

 ***The Department of Corrections offers trade training and qualifications in construction and infrastructure in eight of our prisons throughout New Zealand.***

## Construction

We have building refurbishment yards at Rolleston Prison and Spring Hill Corrections Facility where we refurbish Housing New Zealand Corporation houses. There is also a new builds yard at Spring Hill which has covered bays for the construction of new buildings such as classrooms.

Corrections also has several training workshops for construction across the country.

### ***An employment pathway***

Lee\*, 41, has spent his life in and out of prison. He left school at 14 when his family moved for the fourteenth time – a move for every year of his life. He's only ever had occasional unskilled work. But these days, at Rolleston Prison in Christchurch, Lee starts work at 8:30am under the tutelage of Rolleston's carpentry instructor.

Lee is being taught how to use power tools, read building plans and dozens of other highly sought-after construction skills. Currently, Lee and the 14 other 'yard crew' are being shown how to put a new roof on a shed.

Lee's work includes formal study. With his instructor's help, Lee is working towards a Carpentry Gateway National Certificate. He finishes work at around 3:00pm, and studies in his cell after lock-up. It'll take Lee around three months to get his certificate, and then Corrections will help him find a job outside the prison through the Release to Work programme. Lee now has high hopes for a better future.

\*not his real name

The concrete yard offers the chance to learn concrete skills for a variety of structures.

We offer a range of on the job training, training courses and hands on experience including:

- > Construction
- > Carpentry
- > Plumbing, gas fitting and drainlaying
- > Painting and decorating
- > Plastering
- > Electrical work
- > Brick and block laying
- > Precast concrete operations
- > Crane operation
- > Worksite safety and use of power and hand tools

We offer qualifications in:

- > Gateway Programme in Carpentry
- > National Certificate in Building Construction and Allied Trade Skills (BCATS)
- > Certificates in Plumbing and Gas-fitting
- > Certificate in Painting
- > Gateway Programme in Plastering
- > Entry to Electrical Apprenticeships
- > National Certificate in Concrete Core Skills
- > National Certificate in Crane Operations (Mobile)
- > Certificate in Fortlift Operations

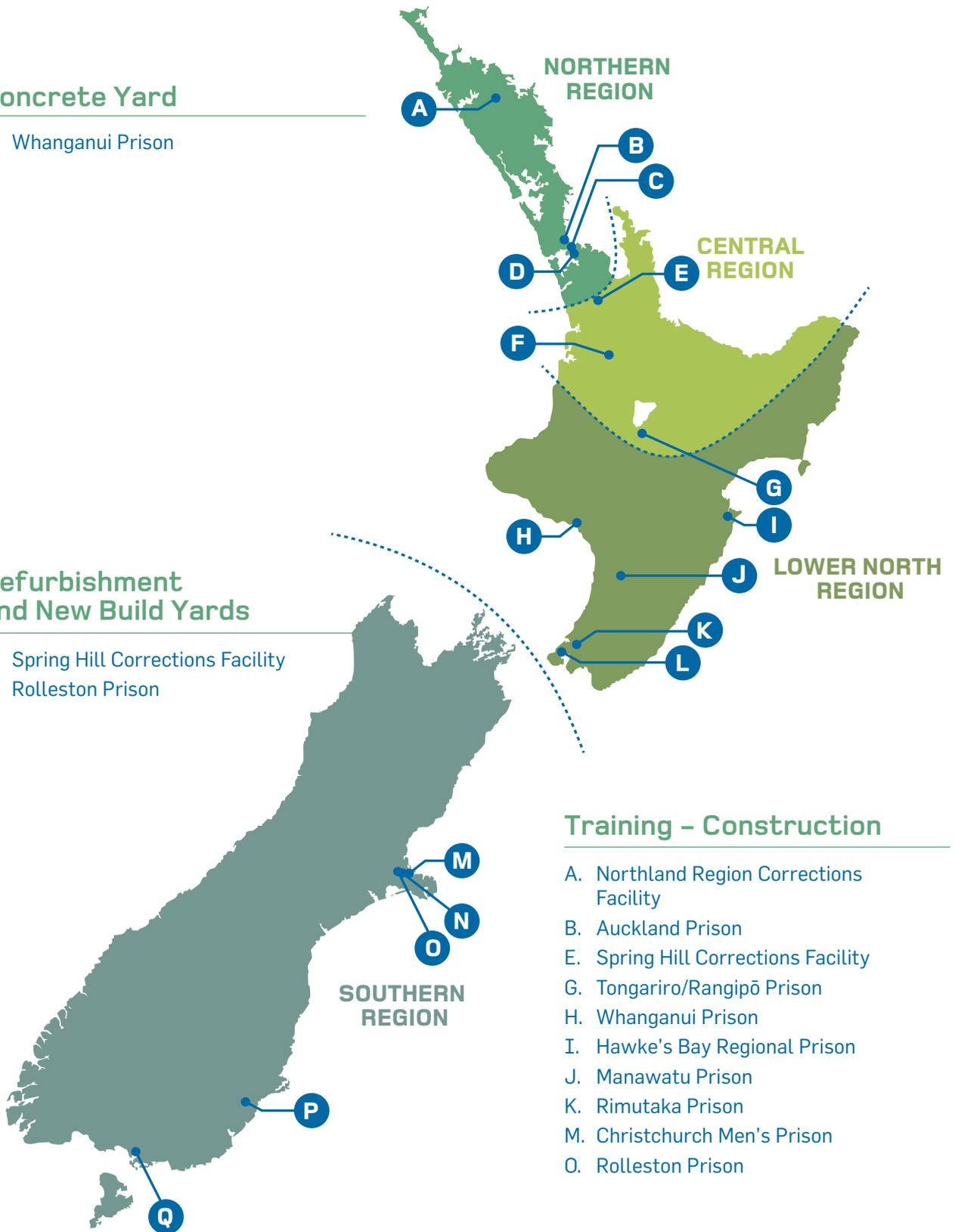
We also partner with accredited tertiary institutions to deliver quality training to prisoners.

## Concrete Yard

H. Whanganui Prison

## Refurbishment and New Build Yards

E. Spring Hill Corrections Facility  
O. Rolleston Prison



## Training - Construction

- A. Northland Region Corrections Facility
- B. Auckland Prison
- E. Spring Hill Corrections Facility
- G. Tongariro/Rangipō Prison
- H. Whanganui Prison
- I. Hawke's Bay Regional Prison
- J. Manawatu Prison
- K. Rimutaka Prison
- M. Christchurch Men's Prison
- O. Rolleston Prison



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