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Current location: New South Wales, Australia

Nationality: German

Preferred location: Queenstown, Central Otago or wider South Island

Availability: Full time

Work rights: New Zealand work rights to be confirmed before commencement

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Practical and reliable worker seeking full time farm employment in New Zealand, ideally in a role that provides opportunities to develop further experience operating tractors and agricultural machinery.

Previous experience includes dairy farming, livestock care, farm work involving sheep, cattle and pigs, extensive horse care, carpentry, fencing, timber-yard work and machinery operation.

I have approximately 40–50 hours of excavator experience, several hundred hours operating forklifts, 10–15 hours operating skid steers and basic tractor experience grading with a blade and towing smaller trailers.

I am comfortable working outdoors, around livestock and machinery, and during long or irregular agricultural hours. I am travelling alone, require accommodation and am flexible about location across the South Island.

KEY SKILLS

- Dairy cattle handling and milking assistance
- Experience caring for horses, sheep, cattle and pigs
- Basic tractor operation
- Grading with a tractor-mounted blade
- Towing and reversing smaller trailers
- Approximately 40–50 hours of excavator operation
- Approximately 10–15 hours of skid-steer operation
- Several hundred hours of forklift operation
- Fencing, framing and general carpentry
- Property and yard maintenance
- Timber handling and stock management
- Safe manual handling
- Comfortable working long and irregular hours
- Clean driving record
- Fluent German and confident English

RELEVANT FARM EXPERIENCE

Organic Dairy Farm — Near Isny, Germany

Farm Assistant | 2018 | Two-week placement

- Assisted with everyday work on an organic dairy farm
- Helped with milking and cattle-related duties
- Worked around livestock, farm buildings and agricultural equipment
- Gained an understanding of early starts and daily farm routines

Supported Farm — Near Edinburgh, Scotland

Farm Worker | 2019 | Six-week placement

- Helped care for sheep, cattle and pigs
- Assisted with feeding, cleaning and general farm maintenance
- Worked alongside and supported people with disabilities
- Completed practical outdoor work in changing weather conditions
- Followed instructions and worked as part of a small farm team

Private Horse and Property Care — New South Wales, Australia

October 2023 - Ongoing

- Feed and care for horses
- Clean stables and maintain animal areas
- Assist with general horse and property management
- Complete mowing, yard maintenance and other practical outdoor work

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Nick Mahboub Carpentry — New South Wales, Australia

Apprentice Carpenter | July 2026–Present

- Complete fencing, framing and general carpentry work
- Safely use hand and power tools
- Measure, cut and install construction materials
- Assist with site preparation and clean-up
- Work outdoors in physically demanding conditions
- Follow workplace health and safety requirements

Nick Mahboub Carpentry — New South Wales, Australia

Carpentry Subcontractor | Early 2026–July 2026

- Assisted with fencing, framing and other carpentry duties
- Transported and handled tools and building materials
- Completed practical construction and property-maintenance tasks
- Worked independently and followed job-site instructions

Kings Mitre 10 Ebenezer — New South Wales, Australia

Stocktake and Purchasing Assistant | Mid-2025–Early 2026

- Assisted with purchasing and stock control for timber and building products
- Completed stocktakes and investigated stock discrepancies
- Maintained accurate inventory records
- Coordinated with suppliers and other team members
- Worked in both yard and administrative environments

Kings Mitre 10 Ebenezer — New South Wales, Australia

Casual Timber-Yard Employee | Early 2024–Mid-2025

- Loaded, unloaded and moved timber and building materials
- Operated forklifts regularly
- Assisted trade customers with timber and construction products
- Maintained a safe and organised timber yard
- Completed manual handling and outdoor work in different weather conditions

Hanna's Joinery — New South Wales, Australia

Joinery Worker | Late 2023–Early 2024

- Assisted with the construction and preparation of kitchen joinery
- Used workshop tools and equipment
- Handled and organised joinery materials
- Followed measurements, plans and workplace safety procedures

RMK Winnenden Hospital — Germany

Nursing Assistant, Paediatric Ward | 2021–Late 2023

- Supported nurses and patients on a paediatric hospital ward
- Worked responsibly in a safety-focused environment
- Communicated with patients, families and healthcare staff

- Completed physically and emotionally demanding duties
- Worked shifts, weekends and irregular hours

RMK Winnenden Hospital — Germany

Nursing Assistant Apprentice | 2020–2021

- Completed practical and theoretical nursing-assistant training
- Assisted with patient care and hospital duties
- Followed hygiene, documentation and safety requirements

RMK Winnenden Hospital — Germany

FSJ Volunteer | 2019–2020

- Completed a Freiwilliges Soziales Jahr in a hospital environment
- Supported hospital staff with patient-care and general duties
- Developed teamwork, reliability and communication skills

MACHINERY EXPERIENCE

- **Forklift:** Several hundred operating hours
- **Excavator:** Approximately 40–50 operating hours
- **Skid steer:** Approximately 10–15 operating hours
- **Tractor:** Approximately five operating hours
- Tractor work includes grading with a blade and towing smaller trailers
- Private experience completing basic work on cars and dirt bikes

LICENCES AND CERTIFICATES

- Australian manual car driver's licence
- German car driver's licence
- Motorcycle licence
- Australian forklift licence
- Australian White Card
- Clean driving record

EDUCATION

Freie Waldorfschule Engelberg — Germany

Hauptschulabschluss | Completed 2019

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Seeking hourly paid employment
- Comfortable working long or irregular hours when all hours are properly paid
- Travelling alone
- Accommodation required (non-drinker, non-smoker)
- Willing to purchase a vehicle in New Zealand if required
- Interested in developing into a capable tractor and agricultural machinery operator
- Flexible about working throughout Central Otago, Otago, Southland, Canterbury or elsewhere in the South Island.

REFERENCES

Available on request.