

## Industry Advice

Looking to start your fashion career can be a daunting task. Many ask us &ndash; &ldquo;where do I start?&rdquo; There is always the dilemma between practical experience vs. professional education &ndash; which is better to have? &ndash; Where do I go first? The answer in most instances to the former is both! So where to begin&hellip;&hellip;I&rsquo;ve Just Left High School?

If you have a fire in the belly coming out of High School for the fashion industry, you may even have started your career already with courses offered from your school, then there are strong options open to you. &ldquo;Attitude is everything&rdquo; The first and most important ingredient you will need is PASSION. The fashion industry is not all glamour and design, but it is jammed packed with passionate and dedicated people who have a strong desire to work in the industry. Further Education:

There are excellent courses currently offered by Universities, Polytechnics and Private Training companies. Please refer to the following list for a selection of nationwide tertiary options offering a variety of Fashion Courses. Tertiary  
 Institute Location Phone Number  
 Otago Polytechnic Dunedin (03) 477-3014  
 Bay Of Plenty Polytechnic Tauranga (07) 544-0920  
 Massey University Wellington (04) 801-5799  
 Massey University Auckland (09) 414-0800  
 Auckland University of Technology Auckland (09) 917-9999  
 Christchurch Polytechnic Christchurch (03) 940-8021  
 Northland Polytechnic Whangarei (09) 430-5830  
 Western Institute of Technology Taranaki (06) 757-3100  
 UCOL (Universal College of Learning) Taranaki 0800 46 8265  
 Part Time Job?

Even fresh out of High School there are great opportunities to begin your career in fashion, in the retail industry. Many apparel retailers offer fantastic training courses in-house, which are specifically geared towards helping you begin your career without necessarily having any sales or customer service experience. The Retail industry may open other doors in fashion, to find out more please check out our retail advice page . I Just Graduated From University or Polytechnic?

At RTR we are delighted to be your first point of contact. Our consultants can give you practical advice on where to start, look at your interests and skills and start targeting specific roles and companies that provide opportunities at this level. We know the industry, not only because we have worked it ourselves but because the fashion industry is what we deal with on a daily basis, we love it and love to share this with like minded people. Getting the Details Right &ndash; CV Preparation:

Now that you are applying for Jobs in the industry, why not get off to the best start with the right impression. A good CV with accurate information and attention to formatting is a good place to start. We have included an example here to put you on the right path. RTR Example CV . For further information on getting the details right also check out our latest Fashion Article listings . Interview Technique

With the CV covered it is up to you to &lsquo;get it right&rsquo; in the interview itself. RTR has compiled some handy hints to help you focus on the interview. RTR Interview Technique

Now you&rsquo;re ready to start your job search, remember that here at RTR we are here to help you in your career. You can contact us at any time or why not apply on line, we would love to here from you.