



**Name:** Hinereta Peaula

**Traineeship:** Certificate III in Business

**Completed Citi New Recruits Phase V**

Scanning and filing mail, printing and laminating signs, helping organise workshops and using Excel spreadsheets is what Hinereta Peaula does on a typical day as a business trainee at the NSW Department of Industry in Sydney.

"I did not imagine myself in a traineeship in business. It's amazing. I thought I would be at uni studying social work, but I didn't really like school. It wasn't for me," she says.

Despite attending three primary and four high schools in Melbourne, Sydney and New Zealand, Hinereta, 18, secured her Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) last year. She then worked casually at a café, but jumped at the chance to participate in the Citi New Recruits Program.

"Guest speakers told us about their experience in the workforce and how they also didn't want to go to uni. They just made their own path and that inspired me. I didn't even know there was such a thing as changing careers. My mindset was always stick with one career for life," says Hinereta, who has an eye on tackling journalism as a sideline career one day.

When a Department of Industry representative visited the Citi New Recruits Program to say a traineeship was on offer, she and another attendee applied.

"I was nervous, honestly trying so hard to be calm in the interview. I felt bad for the other member of the course who didn't get the job, but he got a work placement."

"A traineeship is something I highly recommend. People have told me I could get a better wage elsewhere, but I don't care about the money. I want to gain experience and knowledge so I can go further in my career – everyone starts somewhere," she says.

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