JOB DESCRIPTION · CONTRACT WORK

Drone Pilot (Contractor)

Film aerial video and photos for Bryder Studios clients around Southland, job by job, as an independent contractor.

Type	Independent contractor, job by job. Not an employee role.
Location	Southland, on site (based near Invercargill)
Pay	Your own rates, agreed before each job
Engaged by	Bryder Holdings Ltd, trading as Bryder Studios
Contact	Jack Ridder, Director
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About Bryder Studios

Bryder Studios is the web design side of Bryder Group, based in Invercargill. We build websites for local businesses across Southland and Otago.

A few of our clients would like drone footage on their websites, to show their land, their sites and their work. We don't fly drones ourselves, so we're looking for a local pilot to work with.

The role

This is contract work, paid job by job. You would not be an employee of Bryder, and there are no set hours. When a client wants footage, we send you a short brief, agree a price with you, and you fly the job.

Expect farms, contractors, tourism operators and other local businesses, mostly around Invercargill and Southland.

What you'll do

- Plan each shoot with Jack from a short brief: what to film, where and when.
- Check before each job that the site is OK to fly: the CAA rules, the airspace, and permission from the client and any landowner.
- Film steady aerial video and photos, in 4K where you can.
- Deliver the files by a shared link within the time we agree.
- Keep people, animals and property safe on every job.

What you'll bring

- Your own drone that can film good 4K video.
- A working knowledge of the CAA drone rules (Part 101), and the judgement to say no when a flight isn't safe or allowed.
- Your own public liability insurance, or a willingness to get it.

- Examples of your drone work that you can show us.
- Your own transport, and happy to travel around Southland.
- The right to work in New Zealand.

Nice to have

- A CAA Part 102 certificate, or a pilot qualification that lets you fly more kinds of jobs.
- Experience filming farms, construction sites or tourism businesses.
- Basic editing, such as trimming clips and colour correcting.
- Experience getting airspace approval through AirShare.

How contracting works

- **You are an independent contractor, not an employee.** You run your own business: you set your own rates, use your own gear, and handle your own tax, ACC and insurance.
- **Paid per job.** We agree the price for each job with you before you fly. You invoice Bryder Holdings Ltd when the job is delivered, with GST if you are GST registered.
- **No guaranteed work.** Jobs come when clients want them, and you can say no to any job.
- **Your footage, our client's use.** We agree up front that the client can use the footage you deliver for their business.

How to apply

Email **jack@bryder.co.nz** with "Drone Pilot (Contractor)" in the subject. Tell us a bit about yourself, where you are based, what drone you fly, your usual rates, and whether you hold a Part 102 certificate, with a link to some examples of your work.

Jack reads every email and replies to everyone. The next step is a short chat.

> **Everyone is welcome to apply.** If you need anything adjusted to apply or to talk with us, tell us and we'll work it out with you.