The Application Process

Apply to enrol in an approved Māori-medium teaching qualification. See information on page 2 of this Guide.

Gather the appropriate documents to include with your application. See pages 2–4 and the checklist on page 6 for more information.

Get all of your photocopied documents certified. Take the copies and originals to be sighted, and please ensure the front page of every copy is stamped and endorsed as a true copy of the original.

Post or courier your completed Application Form and attached documents on or before 5 February 2018. Postal and courier addresses are on page 8 of the Form. We will let you know by email that we have received your application. Please contact us if your application is not acknowledged within one week of the closing date, or if your contact details change.

Scholarship Information

What are the scholarships worth?
A Māori Medium (Primary) Scholarship pays your compulsory course fees (up to four full-time years). Full-time students may also receive an allowance. The allowance is $10,000 over the period of study (up to four full-time years).

How many scholarships are available?
Scholarship numbers are capped. For 2018, there are 65 Māori Medium (Primary) Scholarships available.

Scholarship eligibility
You must meet the eligibility criteria to be assessed for a scholarship. Criteria are explained below.

Note: You can only be awarded one TeachNZ scholarship. If you have previously received a TeachNZ scholarship, and failed to meet the terms and conditions of that scholarship, you are not eligible to reapply.

To be eligible you must:
• be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident
• be enrolled in an approved Māori-medium teaching education qualification
• be proficient in te reo Māori
• have leadership experience
• have support from your iwi and/or Māori leaders in your community.
How are the scholarship applications assessed?
When we receive applications, we will check them to ensure they meet all eligibility criteria. Your application will be assessed using information supplied by both you and your tertiary provider. Part of the enrolment process for your Māori-medium teaching qualification includes a language proficiency assessment. Your tertiary provider will share the result of this assessment with us to assist in the consideration of your application.

A selection panel made up of experts who are fluent in te reo Māori will then assess your application on the following:

- oral and written proficiency in te reo Māori
- qualifications and leadership experience
- support of your application by your iwi and/or Māori leaders in your community.

Approved Māori-medium teaching qualifications

These are listed below. For more information about the qualifications, see the Primary Teacher Education Qualifications Guide on the TeachNZ website, www.TeachNZ.govt.nz/getqualified.

Contact the tertiary provider directly to discuss details of the qualification.

Te Pū Wānanga o Anamata
PC9758 Tohu Ako Paetahi: Mā Te Reo Māori Bachelor of Teaching: Māori medium

Massey University College of Education
MY0104 Te Aho Tātairangi: Bachelor of Teaching Māori medium/Diploma in Māori Education
MY0259 Te Aho Paerewa: Postgraduate Diploma of Teaching and Learning in Māori Medium

Te Wānanga o Raukawa
RK0014 Poutuārongo Whakaakoranga
RK039 Poutāhū Whakaakoranga Akorau*
RK0058 Poutuārongo Te Rangakura – Kaiwhakaako

Te Wānanga o Aotearoa
AI2090 He Korowai Ākonga Bachelor of Education (Primary)

Te Wānanga Takiura o ngā Kura Kaupapa Māori o Aotearoa
PC3153 Bachelor of Teaching Kura Kaupapa Māori (Primary) Te Tohu Paetahi Ako Kura Kaupapa Māori

Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi
AW1318 Te Tohu Paetahi Ako Bachelor of Education (Primary)

The University of Auckland Faculty of Education
AU4096 Bachelor of Education (Teaching) Huarahi Māori Specialisation

The University of Waikato Faculty of Education
Wl0120 Bachelor of Teaching (Primary) Kākano Rua
Wl0915 Master of Teaching and Learning - Māori Medium

*This course is subject to CUAP approval and Education Council of Aotearoa New Zealand approval.

Completing the Application Form

1. Name and contact details

   **Proof of your name and date of birth**
   Please supply a certified copy of one of the following:

   - passport
   - birth certificate
   - certificate of citizenship.

   Please ensure you enter on the Application Form the name that your tertiary provider knows you by.

   **Proof of your name change (if applicable)**
   Please supply a certified copy of one of the following:

   - marriage certificate
   - deed poll document
   - birth certificate (that shows name change).

2. Citizenship or residency status

   **Proof of your citizenship or residency status**
   If you are a New Zealand citizen you need to provide a certified copy of:

   - your New Zealand passport (ID page) OR
   - your New Zealand birth certificate OR
   - your certificate of New Zealand citizenship.

   If you are a permanent resident you need to provide certified copies of the following pages in your passport:

   - the main ID page AND
   - the page showing your indefinite New Zealand permanent residency stamp or sticker. You must have held permanent residency status for at least three years.

3. Ethnicity

   Please state your ethnicities (you may list up to three). If you are Māori, please specify your iwi (you may list up to three different iwi). This information may be used for statistical purposes.

4. Qualifications and academic history

   The selection panel considers the qualifications you already hold when assessing your application.

   - Insert details of the highest qualification you’ve achieved or partially completed, either academic or work-related.
   - If you are currently studying towards your highest qualification, enter that qualification on the Application Form.
   - Attach certified evidence of your achievement or partial completion of this qualification to your Application Form.
   - You can also provide further support for your application by inserting details of any other degrees, certificates and awards that you may have achieved. Attach certified evidence of these as well.

What do I need to provide if I have already commenced study towards my teaching qualification?

If you have already commenced study towards your teaching qualification, you must provide a certified academic transcript which shows all study undertaken.
What qualifications do I need to enrol at university?

University Entrance (UE) is the minimum requirement to go to a New Zealand university. To qualify you will need:
• NCEA Level 3
• Three subjects – at Level 3, made up of:
  • 14 credits each, in three approved subjects
  • Literacy – 10 credits at Level 2 or above, made up of:
    • 5 credits in reading
    • 5 credits in writing
• Numeracy – 10 credits at Level 1 or above, made up of:
  • achievement standards – specified achievement standards available through a range of subjects, or
  • unit standards – package of three numeracy unit standards (26623, 26626, 26627 – all three required).

For full details refer to the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) website: www.nzqa.govt.nz.

What documents are required as proof of my qualifications?

A4-size certified photocopies of one of the following:
• official certificate of the qualification
• official academic transcript (results)
• New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) assessment
• letter from a recognised New Zealand tertiary provider.

Your documented proof must include every year of study.

What if my academic transcript shows that I have failed some papers?

You may provide reasons for this if you wish.

What should I do if I have overseas qualifications?

You must get them assessed by NZQA before sending us your application. This includes Australian qualifications. You can apply to get your overseas qualifications assessed at www.nzqa.govt.nz or by contacting NZQA on 0800 697 296. All papers must be translated into English.

NZQA will take several weeks to assess these.

What are equivalent qualifications?

Equivalent qualifications are ones that are considered the same level within the New Zealand Qualifications Framework (NZQF). For example, New Zealand’s National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) Level 2 is equivalent to Sixth Form Certificate.

What should I do if I have lost proof of my qualifications?

You will need to contact NZQA or your tertiary provider to request proof of your qualifications. Certified copies of your qualifications must be provided with your application.

5. CV (Curriculum vitae)

To give the selection panel a greater understanding of your qualifications and work history, please supply a brief CV (no more than four A4 pages).

6. Tertiary provider declaration

Please indicate on the form which qualification you are intending to enrol in. If you are offered a scholarship, we will ask you to confirm which qualification you are enrolling in.

7. Tauākī a te kaitātaki (Leadership statement)

He aha ki ōu whakaaro ngā tohu o te kaitātaki pai, ā, he aha ōna pūkenga, ōna pūmanawa, ōna āhuatanga hoki e kaha ai ia ki te tautoko, ki te whakahau, ki te whakaawe rānei i ētahi atu. Kārero mai hoki tētahi mahi āu, tētahi wā rānei i whirinaki ai ki ēnei pūkenga arataki, whakahauhau, akoako, tautoko rānei, i ītahi atu. Ākene he tūtanga āu i roto i tō whānau, i tō hapū, i tō īwi rānei, he kapa tākaro pea te take, he tūtanga mahi rānei tōu i mua, he rōpū rānei kua mahi nā koe i roto.

Tell us from your perspective what you think makes a good leader and what it is about those skills, attributes and qualities that support, motivate or influence others; then describe a personal experience or situation where you’ve utilised your leadership skills to lead, motivate, consult or encourage others. It may be the role you play within your own whānau, hapū or īwi, as part of a sports team, a previous position you’ve held or a group you have been involved with.

Great teachers have the ability to lead and motivate. Great leaders display qualities of mana, adaptability, perseverance and courage. They also have the ability to pull people together, consult, delegate and make hard decisions when required.

The purpose of asking you to provide a leadership statement in your application is to gain an understanding of the leadership styles you aspire to, and assess your written competency in te reo Māori.

Complete your statement on pages 4-5 or you may choose to attach a print-out to the Application Form. If choosing this option, please indicate this on page 5 of the Form. We would appreciate it if your response was no more than 500–600 words of handwritten or typed text.

You must list two referees who can confirm your leadership statement. You or your referees may be contacted by us or the selection panel.

Please note: A referee cannot be your spouse or partner, or a member of your family.
8. Whakapapa, reo, tikanga (Identity, language and culture)

One of the Ministry of Education’s priorities is to make the greatest difference for Māori students. To achieve this the Ministry of Education has developed a strategy called Ka Hikitia – Managing for Success.

The overarching strategic intent of Ka Hikitia – Managing for Success is ‘Māori students achieving education success as Māori’. This builds on the Māori Potential Approach which emphasises working together and sharing power. It recognises that language is the essence of culture and that through te reo Māori, spirituality and thought are both expressed and valued. In education, identity, language and culture are seen as essential elements for all Māori learners. Can you describe what this means to you and how your identity, language and culture can support your decision to teach?

The purpose of asking you to provide a statement on identity, language and culture is to gain an understanding of what these elements mean to you, how they contribute to supporting your decision to teach, and how they may influence you as a teacher. It also provides an opportunity for you to share your life experiences and your connection with te ao Māori.

We would appreciate it if your response was no more than 500–600 words of handwritten or typed text. Complete your statement on pages 6–7, detach the pages and give them to the person who has agreed to support your application. You or your supporter may be contacted by us or the selection panel.

9. Applicant declaration

Read each statement and, if it is true, then tick, sign and date the declaration. If you do not sign the declaration your application may not be considered.

10. Document checklist

Use this checklist to ensure you have attached certified copies of all the relevant documents to your application.

Accepting a scholarship

If your application is successful, we will email you a scholarship offer letter on Monday 5 March 2018 with an agreement setting out the terms and conditions of the scholarship. Note: Your scholarship offer is subject to you gaining entry onto an approved qualification.

Gather the appropriate document to include with your scholarship agreement. This will include your signed agreement, NSN number, original or certified copies of bank evidence and IRD number.

Get all of your photocopied documents certified. Take the copies and originals to be sighted, and ensure all front pages are stamped and endorsed as true copies of the original.

Email or post your completed agreement documents to the Ministry of Education. We will let you know by email that we have received your agreement documents.

We will pay all eligible fees through StudyLink to your tertiary provider and any eligible allowances directly to you. Note: Payments can take up to six weeks once all required documentation is received and your provider confirms enrolment with StudyLink.
Course fees

Payment of course fees
Course fees are the compulsory fees charged by the tertiary provider for each paper in which you are enrolled plus compulsory student levies. Course fees do not include course-related costs such as stationery, books, computer equipment, or travel. You must pay course fees upon your enrolment, either personally or with a Student Loan.

Course fees are paid for each year of full-time or part-time study for an approved Māori-medium teaching qualification (limited to four years).

There are certain restrictions on who can apply for a student loan. For further information please contact StudyLink directly.

StudyLink manages the payment of fees and allowances (if applicable) on our behalf. When you receive a scholarship, StudyLink confirms with your tertiary provider that you are enrolled. StudyLink then pays your course fees directly to your tertiary provider.

You must pass at least half your papers each year to have your course fees paid by the scholarship the following year. A TeachNZ scholarship cannot pay for any resits or non-compulsory papers.

Allowances

An allowance of $10,000 is paid in equal instalments over the period of study, if you meet the eligibility criteria.

- Only full-time students or those granted limited full-time status by StudyLink are eligible for an allowance.
- Part-time students, who have not been granted limited full-time status by StudyLink, are not eligible for an allowance.
- If you are eligible for an allowance payment, we advise you to contact Inland Revenue to confirm whether your allowance payments will be tax-exempt.
- If you currently receive financial support from government agencies (e.g. Work and Income or Housing New Zealand) this support may be affected by the TeachNZ scholarship allowance.
- Before accepting the scholarship we advise you to contact the government agencies that you receive support from to enquire if receiving the TeachNZ scholarship allowance would change or affect your financial eligibility.

To receive an allowance for each year of study, you must pass all the papers you are enrolled in.

Eligibility

You must be studying full-time (or have limited full-time status from StudyLink) to be eligible for an allowance. To be considered full-time you must be enrolled in a programme of 32 weeks of full-time study, and study at least 80 percent or 0.8 EFTS (equivalent full-time student) within the academic year. One EFTS is usually considered to be a standard year of full-time study by most tertiary providers.

Credits awarded to you through cross-crediting or RPL (Recognition of Prior Learning) are not considered when assessing whether or not your study has been full-time.

Check with your tertiary provider or with us if you are not sure whether your study would be considered full-time.

Students who have been granted limited full-time status for Student Loan (living costs) or Student Allowance purposes are also considered full-time.

What does ‘limited full-time status’ mean?
Limited full-time status is applied by StudyLink to a Student Loan to a Student Loan (living costs) or a Student Allowance when advice from your tertiary provider to study less than full-time is received. This may be because of illness or disability, or because you are finishing an approved qualification and to do this need to study less than full-time, but more than half time. Find out more by contacting StudyLink on 0800 88 99 00.

What should I do if my fees are due now?
You must arrange initial payment of your fees. Pay your fees personally or contact StudyLink to apply for a Student Loan to pay the fees. If you are granted a scholarship, StudyLink will make a payment to your tertiary provider who will then refund:

- you, if you paid the fees personally
- your Student Loan, if that is how you paid your fees.

The Ministry of Education is not responsible for your fees being paid by the due date.

If you are unable to pay your fees, you should apply for a Student Loan by contacting StudyLink on 0800 88 99 00.

Permanent residents and Australian citizens must have lived in New Zealand for at least three years and currently reside in New Zealand in order to be eligible for a Student Loan. Permanent residents also need to have held permanent residency status for at least three years.

There are certain restrictions on who can apply for a student loan. For further information please contact StudyLink directly.
Bond period

Teaching in New Zealand when you finish studying

If you receive a Māori Medium (Primary) Scholarship, you are required to teach in a New Zealand state or state-integrated school for a stipulated time after you graduate.

This is called a ‘bond period’. You must complete your bond period within a certain time after completing your teaching qualification. For the Māori Medium (Primary) Scholarship, the bond period is one year for every full-time year a scholarship is received, unless you are in the final year of your study. In this case the bond period is two years. If your application is successful we will send you the Terms and Conditions of the Scholarship Agreement, which will outline your bond period.

If you receive a Māori Medium (Primary) Scholarship, you must teach in Māori-medium classrooms (years 1–8) with an immersion level of 1 (where lessons are taught in te reo Māori between 81-100% of the time) or level 2 (where lessons are taught in te reo Māori between 51-80% of the time) for the whole bond period.

If you do not complete your study or bond period you will be held liable for the repayment of fees and allowance payments you received from your TeachNZ scholarship.

What if I don’t get a job when I graduate?

It is likely you will find a teaching position, however, it is your responsibility to apply for vacant positions wherever they are in New Zealand. If you do not get a job and do not teach for the required bond period, you must repay the fees and allowance payments (as applicable) you received from your TeachNZ scholarship.

The Ministry of Education has a contracted recruiter to provide job find assistance to beginning teachers.

IMPORTANT

Certified copies

Applications must be accompanied by all required documents as evidence of your eligibility for a scholarship. These documents must be certified photocopies.

What is a ‘certified copy’?

Certified copies are A4-size photocopies that have been stamped and signed on every page and endorsed as a true copy of the original. Any one of the following people can certify photocopies:

• School principal
• Registrar of a tertiary provider
• District Court Registrar or Deputy Registrar
• Barrister or Solicitor
• Justice of the Peace (you can find a list of local Justices of the Peace in the Yellow Pages).

Please note: The person who certifies your documents must not be your spouse or partner, or a member of your family.

Document checklist

All applicants must provide a complete, correct and legible Application Form, including:

- CV (curriculum vitae) – no more than four A4 pages
- Taūkī a te kaitātaki (Leadership statement, listing two referees)
- Whakapapa, reo, tikanga (Identity, language and culture statement, and supporter’s details).

Attach certified copies of:

- proof of name and date of birth (your New Zealand passport or New Zealand birth certificate or certificate of New Zealand citizenship)
- proof of change of name (if applicable: a marriage certificate, deed poll document or birth certificate that shows your name change)
- proof of residency status (if applicable: the main ID page in your passport AND the page showing your indefinite New Zealand permanent residency stamp or sticker. You must have held permanent residency status for at least three years)
- proof of your highest qualification: either a certified copy of a work-related certificate or award, and/or an academic transcript for any study undertaken.

If you have already commenced study towards your teaching qualification, you must provide an academic transcript which shows all study undertaken.

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