



## Education Report: Te Ahu o te Reo Māori graduation ceremonies

<b>To:</b>	Hon Kelvin Davis, Associate Minister of Education – (Māori Education)		
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### Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is for you to:

- a. **note** the dates of the graduation ceremonies for Te Ahu o te Reo Māori 2021-2022.

**Noted**

- b. **note** that we will be in communication with your office regarding your availability to attend the graduation ceremonies.


**Noted**

- c. **approve** the use of your electronic signature on Te Ahu o te Reo Māori graduate certificates for upcoming ceremonies scheduled between November 2021 to July 2022.

**Approve** ~~Not Approved~~

- d. **agree** that this briefing will be proactively released.

**Agree** ~~Disagree~~

  
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Hon. Kelvin Davis  
Associate Minister of Education

04/11/2021

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## Background

1. The Government has committed to creating more opportunities for all New Zealanders to learn te reo Māori and it being an integral part of all students learning by 2025. As a Treaty partner the government has an obligation to protect and promote te reo Māori as a taonga, guaranteed under the Treaty of Waitangi.
2. Following an extensive request for proposal process, 13 providers were contracted to deliver Te Ahu o te Reo Māori nationally for a period of four years, from 2021 to 2024 [METIS 1249982].
3. National delivery began on 15 July 2021 at Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Ngā Mokopuna in Wellington. Following this, we continued to support other roll outs of Te Ahu o te Reo Māori across Aotearoa in the months that followed.
4. The first terenga (iteration) of Te Ahu o te Reo Māori is near completion and preparations are underway for graduation ceremonies to occur across the regions.

## Graduation Ceremonies

5. Graduation ceremonies will provide an opportunity for local iwi and hapū, whānau and communities, along with our regional providers and the Ministry, to celebrate the commitment and achievements of Te Ahu o te Reo Māori participants. Ceremonies will also encourage graduates to become advocates of te reo Māori in schools, kura, early learning centres and communities.
6. Several graduation ceremonies will be held in each region led by regional providers. Each graduation ceremony will be a bespoke occasion and will vary in venue type, length, and order of proceedings. While these details have not yet been confirmed, Table 1 provides you with the confirmed dates for upcoming graduation ceremonies.

Te Ahu o te Reo Māori Graduation Ceremony Dates		
Dates	Region	Provider
7 November 2021	Waikato	TupuOra Education
19 November 2021	Waiariki	TupuOra Education
3 December 2021	Te Tairāwhiti	Learning Leaders
3-5 December 2021	Taranaki, Whanganui, Manawatū	TupuOra Education
5 December 2021	Te Tairāwhiti	Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Inc
5 December 2021	Taranaki, Whanganui, Manawatū	Te Ataarangi ki te Kāhui Maunga
11 December 2021	Te Tai Tokerau	Takapaukura (Te Hiku Okoro)

12 December 2021	Waikato	TupuOra Education
11-12 December 2021	Te Tai Tokerau	TupuOra Education
18-19 December 2021	Te Tai Tokerau	TupuOra Education
18 December 2021	Taranaki, Whanganui, Manawatū	Kāuru Limited
18 December 2021	Wellington	Kāuru Limited
24-25 January 2022	Canterbury, Chatham Islands	Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu
19-20 March 2022	Wellington	Takatū Limited
26-27 March 2022	Tāmaki-Makaurau	Takatū Limited
11 April 2022	Waiariki	Te Taumata o Ngāti Whakaue Iho Ake Trust
23 April 2022	Nelson, Marlborough, West Coast	Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology

7. There are two graduation ceremonies that are still to be confirmed by Eastern Institute of Technology and Te Rito Maioha (Te Tairāwhiti). We anticipate that all graduation ceremonies for the first terenga will be completed by July 2022.
8. It is the intent to hold graduation ceremonies face-to-face whilst adhering to regional Covid-19 alert level restrictions. If face-to-face ceremonies do not occur based on changes to alert level settings, providers will either postpone ceremonies or proceed online.

## Graduation Certificates

9. For all ceremonies, graduates will receive a personalised graduation certificate, a Te Ahu o te Reo Māori lapel badge and each of the providers will be presenting a taonga that they have designed to acknowledge their success.
10. With an anticipated 1500 graduates for this iteration of Te Ahu o te Reo Māori, we would like to test your level of comfort for signing all certificates electronically.
11. Attached as Annex 1 is a sample of the graduation certificates presented during the testing phase of Te Ahu o te Reo Māori. For the upcoming ceremonies, the certificate will be similar in look and feel with your signature block positioned appropriately

alongside other signatories as deemed appropriate by providers. The certificates will be pre-printed by the Ministry and then delivered to the providers.

## Next Steps

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12. We will liaise with your office regarding your availability to attend confirmed graduation ceremonies and continue to update your office as new graduation dates are confirmed.
13. We will work with relevant providers and your office to make all necessary arrangements including speech notes and a run sheet outlining the day's proceedings once we receive confirmation of whether you will be attending any of these.
14. A briefing note outlining the insights received about the first terenga of Te Ahu o te Reo Māori national delivery will be provided to your office on 17 November 2021. This will include statistical information and key findings as a result of provider oral reports.
15. Acknowledging participant success and socialising the benefits and value of Te Ahu o te Reo Māori is ongoing. Our Mōu te Reo communication strategy will continue to leverage off the achievements from the first terenga and add value for marketing and recruitment purposes for 2022 intake.

## Proactive Release

16. We recommend that this report is proactively released as per your expectation that information be released as soon as possible. Any information which may need to be withheld will be done so in line with the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982.

## Annexes

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### **Annex 1: Sample Te Ahu o te Reo Māori Graduation Certificates**

Kua tutuki i a

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ngā ritenga katoa mō

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*Ahakoā iti taku iti*

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