



## Briefing Note: Te Ahu o te Reo Māori and Te Kawa Matakura update on delivery approaches in the first half of 2020

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

The purpose of this paper is for you to:

- **Note** the updates to Te Ahu o te Reo Māori and Te Kawa Matakura delivery in the first half of the year as a result of the impact of COVID-19.
- **Agree** to proactively release this briefing note.

**Noted**

**Agree / Disagree**

### Summary

- Te Ahu o te Reo Māori represents the Government's commitment to strengthen and grow an education workforce that can integrate te reo Māori into the learning of all ākonga in Aotearoa by 2025. Te Kawa Matakura programme is designed to provide development opportunities to rangatahi Māori who demonstrate a passion for tribal knowledge, and take part in succession planning for their iwi and te ao Māori.
- This briefing updates you on Te Ahu o te Reo Māori and Te Kawa Matakura delivery in response to the impact of COVID-19.

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## Te Ahu o te Reo Māori Background

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1. On 14 December 2019 through a pre-recorded video, you announced Te Ahu o te Reo Māori 2020 plans and opened registrations, welcoming new language advocates in the four pilot regions [METIS 1212760 refers].
2. Throughout February and early March 2020, our regional providers completed their respective regional delivery plans and orientation days for participants.
3. Te Ahu o te Reo Māori delivery period for the first half of the year was originally March to June 2020. As a result of the Covid-19 lockdown Te Ahu o te Reo Māori delivery was put on hold until this week when delivery commenced in Ngāi Tahu, Te Tonga (Bulls to Wellington) and Te Taiuru (Taranaki-Whanganui). Waikato begins delivery on Friday 5 June 2020.

## Te Ahu o te Reo Māori Alternative Delivery Plans

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4. During the Covid-19 lockdown period the providers designed and developed a range of online solutions to enable Te Ahu o te Reo Māori to resume staggered delivery from 18 May onwards. It was decided to delay delivery from this date to give participants sufficient time to adjust to changes in their teaching on return to school in Level 2. A summary of each regions delivery approaches is attached as Annex 1.
5. The approved re-designed delivery plans retain the original components of each region's programme including kura reo, weekly classes, kura whakahihiri and reo intensives. Implementation will now use a range of different online platforms and tools that best suit the delivery components, ensures the quality of learning is maintained, and accommodates the changed work patterns of participating education workforce. Regional hui, milestone reporting and participant feedback will keep us informed of the strengths and areas of improvement of the online distance delivery methods.
6. Providers have indicated that synchronous learning including live webinars and zoom sessions will occur outside of normal working hours. Asynchronous learning including pre-recorded videos, online reading materials and individual activities, will be completed at a time convenient for participants.
7. Delivery for the current intake of participants in the pilot regions will be completed within the first two weeks of Term 3. In order to maintain programme momentum and continue to grow te reo Māori advocates in the education sector, we are currently developing options for you to consider for Term 3 and Term 4, and 2021 onward. The options presented will also take into account any perceived issues as a result of COVID-19 and mitigation strategies to ensure we boost participation numbers and maintain quality service provision in the four pilot regions.

## Te Ahu o te Reo Māori Registration Numbers

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8. We had a target of 600 participants for the first half of 2020, and attained 610 confirmed registrations. These comprise, 147 in Te Tai Uru (Taranaki-Whanganui), 145 in Ngāi Tahu, 154 in Waikato and 164 in Te Tonga (Bulls to Wellington, excluding Wairarapa) regions. In excess of 97 percent are from English medium schools. Between 54 and 67 percent are NZ European, and between 79 and 89 percent of all participants are women.
9. Providers continue to motivate participants to reengage in delivery from May to July. We are encouraging participants' principals and senior leaders to support their staff to reengage through email communications.
10. We are expecting a decrease in participation numbers as a result of COVID-19. Moving forward, we will track participation numbers and/or reasons for withdrawal and keep you informed through the Education Weekly Update.

## Te Ahu o te Reo Māori Relief Teacher Funding

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11. Of the 610 confirmed participants, 525 are eligible for teacher relief funding. Relief teacher funding is available to contribute to the cost of a relief teacher for each eligible participant. We are currently collating funding entitlements for schools and early learning centres with regard to registered participants pre COVID-19.
12. The funding allocated in our budget for relief teachers may be significantly less because of online delivery approaches. However, delivery online has unique resourcing requirements; therefore, any surplus funds that were allocated for relief teachers may be reprioritised to support the changed delivery approach.

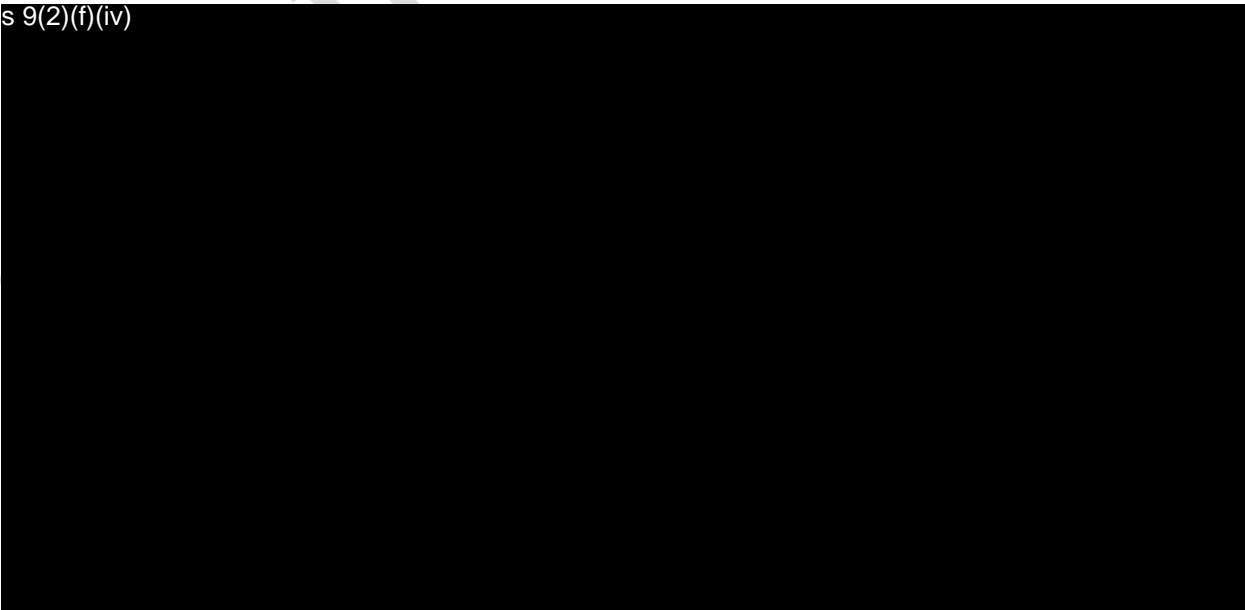
## Te Kawa Matakura Update

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### Programme Delivery

13. Monthly wānanga were suspended for April, May and June and will resume in July. Online delivery commenced in the first week of April using the following delivery approaches:
  - a) Twice weekly zoom classroom sessions between ākonga and kaiako.
  - b) Weekly meetings between two ākonga spokespersons and kaiako.
  - c) A weekly discussion based zoom hui amongst ākonga.
  - d) A delivery platform developed by ākonga to further support learning.
14. Though some ākonga have experienced some connectivity challenges, the online delivery programme has been going well overall. It's been facilitated in an interactive way, which is keeping ākonga engaged in their learning.
15. Three ākonga have withdrawn and Te Taumata Whakahaere are encouraging other rangatahi with the required skill set to join the programme.
16. Ngātiwai Trust will be providing the Ministry with a COVID-19 revised delivery report on 30 May 2020, and a progress report on 19 June 2020. We will provide your office with a further update following receipt of these reports.

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## Next Steps

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19. Based on 2020 budget decisions, we will provide you with delivery options for your consideration in readiness for intended Te Ahu o te Reo Māori delivery in the second half of the year and 2021 onward, and for Te Kawa Matakura from 2021 onward.

## Proactive Release

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20. We recommend that this Briefing 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.

## Annex

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**Annex 1:** Te Ahu o te Reo Māori Regional Delivery Approaches Summary

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### Te Ahu o te Reo Māori ki Te Taiuru – He Ata Rawea

Delivery recommenced on Monday 18 May and includes:

- Two one-hour online live tutorial sessions to replace Kura Pō (night classes). These sessions will consist of mahi rākau, karakia, and waiata. Each session will have a maximum of 15 participants and suitable times (after work hours) and days will be selected by participants. No changes to online kura pō will be available once the session is confirmed.
- Two 3 – 4 hour online reo intensive sessions to replace Noho marae (reo intensives). These be held on a weekend and will offer a range of activities including pre-recorded online videos to watch beforehand using mahi rākau to demonstrate reo use and structure, karakia, waiata, games and learning activities that can be utilised in the classroom by teachers.
- **He Ata Rawea (Moodle platform)** will be used to integrate the video lessons for revision purposes and new activity challenges for participants. He Ata Rawea will also be the key platform for continued communication and updates for participants to stay connected.
- Hard learning resources including books to support reo acquisition, and a set of rākau for participants to practice reo use have been distributed.



Te Rūnanga o NGĀI TAHU

### Te Ahu o te Reo Māori ki Ngāi Tahu

Delivery recommenced on Monday 18 May and includes:

- Online classes will be taught in groups of 1-14 teachers, one evening per week in a 2.5 hour timeslot. This will include 2 x 50 minute online sessions and a break for teachers to attempt activities on their own.
- Tutors will use a mix of zoom classes, online resources and google classroom. Zoom classes can be recorded if participants miss a class.
- One to one tutorials or small group sessions will be offered to those who need extra help with pronunciation out of online class times.



### Te Ahu o te Reo Māori ki Te Tonga

Delivery will recommence on Monday 25 May and includes:

Learning Strategy	Kaupapa	Duration
A word a day	Kupu will be uploaded daily with a link to the Māori dictionary.	2 mins
Kīwaha a week	A kīwaha (saying) to share with whānau and friends will be uploaded every week.	10 mins
Pre-class material: Flipping the class	Material to be taught in a recorded weekly class will be released for ākonga to review in the days beforehand.	1 hour
Question and answer weekly webinar	A live conversation will be held on Tuesdays to review any unclear parts of the pre-class material and answer questions sent in on Sunday and Monday.	1 hour
Recorded class sessions	A recorded class will be released on Wednesdays that includes karakia, seven 10 minute lessons, and covers any question and answer material.	2 hours and 30 minutes
After class Quiz/Assessment	An assessment based activity will occur after weekly classes to determine progress.	5-10mins
Self-directed practice	Ākonga will be encouraged to consider how course material can be applied to learning environments.	1-2 hours

### Te Ahu o te Reo Māori ki Tainui – Te Rekamauroa



Delivery will recommence on Friday 5 June via Zoom and Google Classroom and includes:

- Live fortnightly class lessons
- Live weekly tutorials with designated pūkenga
- Self-directed learning material (workbooks)
- On-line support from Pou-Ruruku (project manager) including catch-up sessions/ revision of tutorials
- Additional te reo Māori teaching and learning support materials and activities- Kīwaha, Whakataukī, kōrero hītori, and wānanga kaupapa