

Title	Perform poi		
Level	4	Credits	12

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to perform poi.
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Classification	Māori Performing Arts > Te Ao Haka
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Available grade	Achieved, Merit and Excellence
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Criteria for Merit	Perform poi with expression and projection.
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Criteria for Excellence	Perform poi with artistic proficiency.
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Guidance Information

- For assessment, it is expected that the original version of the poi is used. The *original version* refers to the composer's original work; however, a variant of the original work may be acceptable where it accords with iwi, hapū, or whānau tradition. This is intended to preserve the integrity of the poi and the knowledge within it.
- For Outcome 1, poi is to be performed without the use of aids i.e. accompanying music, other singers, pre-recordings, words are memorised.
- Assessment
Assessment of skills may occur within a learning situation or a public performance, and in individual or group settings. However, each candidate must demonstrate individual competence.

Two categories of poi can be performed separately or in the same item, however, sufficient time for each poi category is required (30 seconds minimum per category).

Performance of poi can be assessed in whakaeke and/or whakawatea and/or waiata ā-ringā. However, sufficient time for each category is required (30 seconds minimum per category).

- Iwi, hapū, or whānau tradition is incorporated in assessment against this unit standard. Iwi, hapū, or whānau tradition refers to performance features and/or styles unique to an iwi, hapū, or whānau; and may include such things as movement, body movement, posture, stance, and/or lyrics. It is expected that candidates follow the iwi, hapū, or whānau traditions of each poi item used in assessment. Other iwi, hapū, or whānau variations may be explored in order to enrich and enhance understanding.

- 5 *Perform poi with expression and projection* will be evidenced through:
- kia pūmau ki te tangi me te wairua o te rangi (maintaining and sustaining the tone and the essence of the poi items);
 - kia hāngai pū te kori o te tinana ki te wairua me ngā kupu o te poi, ā, kia tika te tū (performing with deliberate movements and appropriate actions, which are relevant to the poi items).
- 6 *Perform poi with artistic proficiency* will be evidenced through:
- kia pakari te tū me te korikori o te tinana, ā, puta ana ngā mahi auaha (performing poi with creativity and confidence);
 - kia ū pūmau ki te wairua o te rangi mai i te tīmatanga ki te whakamutunga (sustaining and maintaining the delivery of the essence of the poi from start to finish);
 - kia puta pū te wairua o te kupu, ā, me te tinana hoki, mai i te tīmatanga ki te whakamutunga (expressing the words in synergy with the body, sustaining and maintaining the poi from start to finish);
 - kia tika te mahi tahi o te ringa me te kori o te tinana (hand actions are in synergy with the body);
 - kia eke ki te tihi o te poi, rangona ai te hā o kui mā, o koro mā (reaching the heights of performance, and imbuing the performance with the legacy of ancestral strength).
- 7 Glossary
- Composer* refers to the author of the lyrics for an item;
- Ihi* refers to the projection of a performer’s personal magnetism and passion which elicits in the beholder a response of awe or respect;
- Item* refers to a composed piece which comprises body movement, voice, and lyrics;
- Language devices* examples: whakataukī, metaphors, symbols, images;
- Movement* refers to expressions of performance such as wiri, takahi, mahi ā-ringa, mahi poi, pūkana or whākana, ngā nekeneke (i te wā tika);
- Performance* refers to the vocal and visual presentation of poi;
- Poi* refers to a performance item that incorporates the use of poi throughout (ie the waiata poi, poi actions, and the choreography), not the actual poi themselves;
- Pūtaka* refers to the composer, their iwi, and when and why the poi was composed, and their intended performance style for the poi;
- Tikanga* refers to the meaning, values, and māori world view;
- Wana* refers to the excitement generated by a performer or performance;
- Wehi* refers to the awe in which charismatic performers or performances are held.
- 8 All sources of information must be referenced.
- 9 Recommended skills and knowledge:
Standards at Level 3 or above from the subfield Reo Māori listed on the Directory of Assessment Standards.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Perform poi.

Range categories of poi include – single short poi, double short poi, single long poi, double long poi, quadruple long poi, three quarter short poi, three quarter long poi;
evidence of five poi, from at least two different categories is required.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Poi is performed in accordance with iwi, hapū, or whānau tradition, and/or the pūtake of the poi.
- 1.2 Poi is performed displaying evidence of ihi, wehi, and wana.

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Comments on this unit standard

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