

Title	Demonstrate knowledge and skills of haka		
Level	2	Credits	6

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to demonstrate knowledge of haka and the essential skills of haka.
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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	Demonstrate in-depth knowledge of haka, and the essential skills of haka with purpose.
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Criteria for Excellence	Demonstrate comprehensive knowledge of haka, and the essential skills of haka with artistic expression.
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Guidance Information

- 1 For this assessment, it is expected that the original version of the haka 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 haka and the knowledge within it.
- 2 For outcome 2, the essential skills of haka are to be demonstrated without the use of aids, i.e. words are memorised.
- 3 **Assessment**
This unit standard is intended for learners of haka. 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 haka can be performed separately or in the same item, however, sufficient time for each haka category is required (30 seconds minimum per category).

Performance of haka 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).

- 4 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 haka item used in assessment. Other iwi, hapū, or whānau variations may be explored in order to enrich and enhance understanding.
- 5 *Demonstrate in-depth knowledge of haka, and the essential skills of haka with purpose* will be evidenced through:
- describing the categories of haka in depth;
 - giving an example of a haka from each category described,
 - describing haka in depth;
 - identifying the performance and composition style specific to each haka,
 - demonstrating essential skills with purpose;
 - kia mau ki te tangi me te wairua o te rangi (maintaining the tone and the essence of the haka items),
 - kia hāngai te kori o te tinana ki te wairua me ngā kupu o te haka, ā, kia tika te tū (performing with deliberate movements and appropriate actions, which are relevant to the haka items).
- 6 *Demonstrate comprehensive knowledge of haka, and the essential skills of haka with artistic expression* will be evidenced through:
- comprehensively describing the categories of haka;
 - linking the purpose and context of a haka from each category described,
 - comprehensively describing haka;
 - identifying any personal (to the composer), social, or historical influences that led to the development of the haka composition,
 - demonstrating essential skills with artistic expression;
 - kia tika te whakaputa i te wairua o te rangi, mai i te tīmatanga ki te whakamutunga (sustaining the delivery of the essence of the haka from start to finish),
 - kia tika te whakaputa i te tinana me ngā kupu o te haka, mai i te tīmatanga ki te whakamutunga (sustaining the haka with deliberate movements and appropriate expression from start to finish).
- 7 Glossary
- Composer* refers to the author of the lyrics for an item;
- Context* refers to appropriate use (right time, right place, right occasion) of haka
- Essential skills* refer to the core features or basic performance competencies of an item;
- Item* refers to a composed piece which comprises movement, voice, and lyrics;
- Movement* refers to expressions of performance such as wiri, takahi, whātero or whētero, mahi ā-ringa, korikori tinana, pūkana or whākana, te tū (i te wā tika);
- Performance* refers to the vocal and visual presentation of haka;
- Pūtake* refers to the composer, their iwi, when and why the haka was composed, and their intended performance style for the haka;
- Tikanga* refers to the meaning, values, and Maori world view.
- 8 It is encouraged that the concepts of ihi, wehi, and wana are explored to provide learners with a meaningful understanding of the essential skills when performed at a higher level.

9 References

Where applicable, ākongā are encouraged to reference. Referencing will prepare ākongā for the requirements of academic writing.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Demonstrate knowledge of haka.

Performance criteria

1.1 Haka are described in terms of their categories.

Range categories of haka may include but are not limited to – kaioaraora, pōkeka, manawa wera, ngeri, taparahi, tūtū ngārahu, peruperu, whakatū waewae;
evidence of three categories is required.

1.2 Haka are described in terms of tikanga and pūtaka.

Range evidence of one haka from each category is required.

Outcome 2

Demonstrate the essential skills of haka.

Range evidence of the performance of two haka categories is required.

Performance criteria

2.1 Appropriate body movement and voice, and correct pronunciation are demonstrated in accordance with iwi, hapū, or whānau tradition, and/or the pūtaka of the haka.

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Comments on this unit standard

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