

41291**Tiaki taonga foundation of indigenous conservation practice**

Kaupae Level	4
Whiwhinga Credit	15
Whāinga Purpose	<p>This skill standard supports tangata whenua to learn the foundations of conservation practice grounded in kaupapa Māori.</p> <p>Ākonga will learn the foundational knowledge, skills, and values required to care for taonga Māori within a kaupapa Māori framework. Ākonga will be prepared to work safely and respectfully with taonga in museum and collection environments, applying tikanga, mātauranga Māori, and conservation principles.</p> <p>This skill standard can be used within programmes leading to the New Zealand Certificate in Museum Practice (Level 4) with strand in Indigenous Conservation [Ref: 5682].</p>

Hua o te ako me Paearu aromatawai | Learning outcomes and assessment criteria

Hua o te ako Learning outcomes	Paearu aromatawai Assessment criteria
1. Apply tikanga to the handling, storage, and care of taonga.	a. Demonstrate correct handling of taonga according to tikanga.
	b. Describe the role of whakapapa, wairua and manaakitanga in taonga care.
	c. Identify what creates āhurutanga for taonga, people and wairua.
	d. Apply tikanga-informed approaches to the storage of taonga, including tapu and noa practices.
	e. Recognise culturally unsafe storage practices and suggest appropriate alternatives.
2. Apply foundational preventative conservation techniques.	a. Describe the agents of change.
	b. Apply foundational conservation techniques to prevent damage to taonga.
	c. Recognise environmental risks and how to protect taonga from them.

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3. Determine ethical responsibilities when working with taonga and their communities.	a. Describe kaupapa Māori ethics in conservation.
	b. Explain the importance of relationships with whānau, hapū and iwi.
	c. Identify how tangata tiriti and tangata whenua partnerships shape conservation practice.
4. Use basic cataloguing and data systems to record taonga condition and storage.	a. Record taonga information using Te Reo Māori and mātauranga Māori where appropriate.
	b. Complete condition reports using standard templates.
	c. Retrieve and interpret stored data to inform taonga care decisions.

Pārongo aromatawai me te taumata paearu | Assessment information and grade criteria

Assessment specifications:

Evidence for achievement of this standard must be collected in the workplace and may include naturally occurring evidence. Assessment methods may include observation and verification.

Ngā momo whiwhinga | Grades available

Achieved

Ihirangi waitohu | Indicative content

- Tikanga and mātauranga Māori in taonga care
- Tapu and noa, āhurutanga, and cultural safety
- Handling and storing taonga respectfully
- 10 agents of change – deterioration and basic prevention
- Ethics of kaupapa Māori conservation
- Tangata whenua and tangata tiriti relationships
- Whānau, hapu and iwi relationships
- Cataloguing taonga using Te Reo Māori
- Using databases and recording condition reports
- Kaupapa Māori frameworks
- Conservation principles and practices
 - preventing deterioration over interventive treatments
 - indigenous communities as knowledge-holders
 - observing tikanga
 - documentation and knowledge preservation.
- Conservation techniques.

Rauemi | Resources

- Legislation including:
 - [Health and Safety at Work Act 2015](#)
 - [Protected Objects Act 1975](#)
 - [Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975](#)
 - [Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993](#)
 - [Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014.](#)
- Relevant guidelines and policies including:
 - Museum Collections policies
 - [New Zealand Museums Standards Scheme](#)
 - Manatū Taonga | Ministry for Culture and Heritage: [Guidelines for Taonga Tūturu](#)
- International ethical guidelines e.g. International Council of Museums (ICOM) [Code of Ethics](#).

Pārongo Whakaū Kounga | Quality assurance information

Ngā rōpū whakatau-paerewa Standard Setting Body	Services Industry Skills Board
Whakaritenga Rārangi Paetae Aromatawai DASS classification	Arts and Crafts > Museum Services > Museum Practice
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