Title	Describe the characteristics and actions of a selected atua		
Level	1	Credits	3

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to describe the characteristics and actions of a selected atua.

Classification	Tikanga > Tikanga Concepts

Available grade	Achieved

Guidance Information

1 Tikanga
  Tikanga are values, principles, processes, and practices exercised by Māori in their daily lives. These reflect the concepts upon which they are based and provide guidelines for appropriate behaviour and conduct in Māori society. They also prescribe consequences for any breaches or when tikanga is not followed. They can be particular to rohe, hapori, marae, whānau, hapū and/or iwi.

2 The basic principles underpinning tikanga are common, but while there are some constants, the details of performance of tikanga, and their explanation, may differ. These differences may be at a rohe, hapori, marae, whānau, hapū, iwi level. The context of the learning should include the tikanga of the local mana whenua (if capable) but learning others' tikanga is also encouraged. This is in order to enrich and enhance understanding, knowledge and practice of tikanga, and the associated reo.

3 Definition
  Ngā kōrero tuku iho are Māori stories, or histories, which provide a basis or rationale for Māori belief systems and tikanga. They may be found in Māori oral traditions (such as pūrākau, pakiwaitara, whakapapa, waiata, karanga, or whaikōrero) or in written works. They may also be particular to rohe, hapori, marae, whānau, hapū and/or iwi and are often revered as treasured accounts to be passed down the generations.

4 In the context of this unit standard *atua* refers to *atua Māori* and may include but are not limited to – Ranginui, Papatūānuku, Tāne, Tūmatauenga; demi-gods such as Māui, Tiki, Hineteiwaiwa, Māreikura, Whatukura; atua of local iwi and hapū.

5 *Characteristics* are attributes and/or features that may include but are not limited to social, cultural, spiritual, political, and ceremonial nature, or a combination of these.

6 *Actions* may include but are not limited to – the separation of Ranginui and Papatūānuku, creation of the world, the exploits of Māui.

7   *Whānau interactions* may include but are not limited to – roles played by atua in the separation of Ranginui and Papatūānuku, stance of individual atua, discussions, and debates, tuakana/teina.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Describe the characteristics of a selected atua.

Performance criteria

1.1   The characteristics are described in terms of whānau interaction.

> Range   description is in accordance with ngā kōrero tuku iho;
> evidence of two characteristics is required.

Outcome 2

Describe the actions of a selected atua.

Performance criteria

2.1   The actions are described in terms of whānau interactions.

> Range   description is in accordance with ngā kōrero tuku iho;
> evidence of two actions is required.

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