

Title	Describe the function of, and procedures for an application to the Māori Land Court		
Level	4	Credits	4

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to describe the function of, and procedures for applications to the Māori Land Court.
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Classification	Whenua > Governance of Māori Authorities
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Guidance Information

1 Definitions

A *Māori authority* is an entity status which is subject to specific legislative requirements, including special tax rates, accounting and compliance procedures. A Māori authority may be a trustee of a trust or company. A set criterion governs which types of organisations are eligible to become a Māori authority. In general, this includes entities that manage or administer assets held in common ownership by Māori. However, while an organisation may be eligible, there is no mandatory requirement for them to become a Māori authority.

A *Māori entity* refers to ahu whenua trusts, pūtea trusts, whānau trusts, whenua tōpū trusts, kaitiaki trusts, Māori incorporations, Māori reservations (e.g. marae/Māori committees), rūnanga, iwi authorities, hapū cluster groups, hauora organisations, Māori asset holders, kura kaupapa Māori, kōhanga reo, wānanga, all Māori non-government organisations (e.g. Māori Woman's Welfare League), New Zealand Māori Council, district Māori councils, local government sector, Māori/iwi advisory groups, and community committees with generic kaupapa Māori (e.g. sports club, church groups, kaumātua groups).

2 Legislation includes but is not limited to Māori Incorporations Constitution Regulations 1994; Māori Reservations Regulations 1994; Māori Land Court Rules 2011; Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993; Trusts Act 2019, their amendments and any other relevant Acts, available at www.legislation.govt.nz.

3 Māori Land Court applications may include but is not limited to trustees, removal, replacement, succession, partition, alienation, occupation, land disputes, wāhi tapu, wāhi tūpuna and easements.

- 4 Resource Support
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 Ministry of Justice. (2020). Māori Land Court. <https://maorilandcourt.govt.nz/>.
 Smith, L.T. (1999). *Decolonising methodologies: Research and indigenous peoples*. London: Zed Books.
 Te Puni Kōkiri. (2020). *Tupu NZ. Māori Land: Growing whānau through whenua*. <https://www.tupu.nz/>.
 Te Tumu Paeroa (2020). *Te Tumu Paeroa, Māori Trustee and Māori Land Court*: <https://www.tetumupaeroa.co.nz/about-us/te-tumu-paeroa-maori-trustee-maori-land-court/>.
- 5 Resource support listed above is given as a guide only and is not intended to be in any way prescriptive. It is envisaged that different areas may have their own written and unwritten repositories of knowledge relevant to this unit standard.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Describe the function of the Māori Land Court.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Describe the objectives of the Māori Land Court in accordance with Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993.
- Range may include but is not limited to retention, occupation, development and protection of whenua Māori as taonga tuku iho evidence of two is required.
- 1.2 Explain the effects of the Māori Land Court on the administration and ownership of Māori land since its establishment.

Outcome 2

Describe the procedures for applications to the Māori Land Court.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Explain the different types of information held by the Māori Land Court, their purpose and use.
- 2.2 Plan and prepare the procedures for filing and processing all applications to the Māori Land Court in accordance with Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993 and the Māori Land Court Rules 2011.

Range may include but is not limited to pre-application, prosecution, and post-application evidence of two application types is required.

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Comments on this unit standard

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