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| <b>Title</b> | <b>Describe and explain beliefs held by whānau, hapū, or iwi pertaining to kaitiaki</b> |                |          |
| <b>Level</b> | <b>3</b>  | <b>Credits</b> | <b>4</b> |

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| <b>Purpose</b> | People credited with this unit standard are able to describe and explain beliefs held by whānau, hapū, or iwi pertaining to kaitiaki in accordance with ngā kōrero tuku iho. |
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| <b>Classification</b> | Tikanga > Tikanga Concepts |
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| <b>Available grade</b> | Achieved |
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### Guidance information

- 1 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, iwi, hapū, whānau, marae, or hāpori level. The context of the learning should include the tikanga of the local mana whenua, but learning others' tikanga is also encouraged. This is in order to enrich and enhance understanding of tikanga, and the associated reo.
- 2 **Definitions**  
*Kaitiaki*, or guardian spirits, are often manifested in the form of animals or in some instances as taniwha without form. They are generally believed to be left to guard over descendants of particular whānau, hapū or iwi, or over particular wāhi tapu. *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 a marae, whānau, hapū, or iwi; and are often revered as treasured accounts to be passed down the generations.  
*Tikanga* are Māori values, 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 a rohe, iwi, hapū, whānau, marae, or hāpori.

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### Outcomes and performance criteria

#### Outcome 1

Describe beliefs held by whānau, hapū, or iwi pertaining to kaitiaki in accordance with ngā kōrero tuku iho.

**Performance criteria**

- 1.1 The visual appearance of kaitiaki is described.
- 1.2 The origins of kaitiaki are described.

**Outcome 2**

Explain the beliefs held by whānau, hapū, or iwi pertaining to kaitiaki in accordance with ngā kōrero tuku iho.

**Performance criteria**

- 2.1 The purpose and role of kaitiaki are explained.
- 2.2 The effects of encounters with kaitiaki are explained.
- 2.3 The interpretation of the encounters with kaitiaki are explained.

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| <b>Replacement Information</b> | This unit standard replaced unit standard 16182. |
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| Review       | 2       | 21 January 2016  | 31 December 2019         |
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| <b>Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference</b> | 0226 |
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**Comments on this unit standard**

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