

Title	Demonstrate knowledge and expressions of wairuatanga		
Level	3	Credits	5

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to demonstrate knowledge and expressions of wairuatanga.
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Classification	Tikanga > Tikanga Concepts
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Available grade	Achieved, Merit, and Excellence
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Criteria for Merit	Demonstrate in depth knowledge of wairuatanga
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Criteria for Excellence	Demonstrate comprehensive knowledge of wairuatanga
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Guidance Information

- 1 This unit standard is one of a set of five standards (Te Iti a Taranga) designed to help ākonga identify and demonstrate unique aspects of te ao Māori, tikanga, and whānau life. By understanding and expressing these values (mātāpono or uara), ākonga can explain their personal relevance and their importance to whānau wellbeing. These standards are intended for use in various contexts where ākonga gain skills and knowledge within a learning environment or outside an educational setting.
- 2 The basic principles underpinning tikanga are common, but while there are some constants, the details of performing tikanga, and their explanations may differ. These differences can occur at a whānau, hapū, iwi, marae or rohe level. The context of the learning should include the tikanga of the local mana whenua (if possible) but learning others' tikanga is also encouraged. This approach enriches and enhances understanding of tikanga, and the associated reo.
- 3 **Assessment**
This unit standard recognises the knowledge and skills ākonga gain outside formal education. Assessments can occur in learning environments, with evidence gathered from various contexts like home, marae, community, workplace, or educational settings.

Assessment evidence can be gathered and presented in various ways, including oral, visual, written, artwork, social and digital media, dance, drama, and kapa haka performances, photos, roleplay, videos, or portfolios through the collection of naturally occurring evidence.

Assessment of skills may occur in individual or group settings, however, each candidate must demonstrate individual competence.

Natural Occurring Assessment (NOA) can occur outside an educational setting. These NOA events may meet the required standards, but evidence must be collected to confirm the ākonga has met the criteria. This evidence can include attestation forms, with additional kōrero taunaki from assessors or observers (such as teachers, tutors, workplace supervisors, or subject matter experts), and other evidence provided by the ākonga.

4 *Demonstrate in-depth knowledge of wairuatanga* for kaiaka/merit will be evidenced through:

- Providing examples that illustrate in-depth knowledge and expressions of wairuatanga in how it is applied in personal and whānau wellbeing.
- Describing wairuatanga as an expression of personal and whānau wellbeing in terms of kawa and tikanga that strengthens connections with whānau and contributes to collective wellbeing.

5 *Demonstrate comprehensive knowledge of wairuatanga* for kairangi/excellence will be evidenced through:

- Providing examples that illustrate comprehensive knowledge and expressions of wairuatanga in how it is applied in personal and whānau wellbeing.
- Describing wairuatanga as an expression of personal and whānau wellbeing in terms of kawa and tikanga that enhances whānau wellbeing across hapū, iwi and wider networks.

6 Definitions

Expressions refer to how a concept is demonstrated or shown through actions behaviours and interactions.

Hāhi Māori refers to a number of Māori churches that have evolved since contact with Pākehā. They have usually evolved around the spiritual and political leadership of a Māori prophet. Tariao, Tahupōtiki Wiremu Rātana, Te Kooti Arikirangi Te Turuki, Te Ua Haumēne, Te Maiharoa, and Rua Kenana are some examples of these leaders and prophets. While founded on the Christian Bible, Māori interpretations gave a framework of belief and worship which suited Māori.

Kawa are the protocols or customs of the marae (and inside the wharehau); particularly those related to formal activities such as pōwhiri, karanga, whaikōrero etc. Kawa can be particular to marae, and may vary amongst whānau, hapū, and iwi.

Tikanga refers to 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. Tikanga can be particular to whānau, hapū, iwi, marae, rohe, or hapori.

Wairuatanga – highlights the importance to Māori of quality relationships, developed through shared experiences and working together, which provides people with a sense of belonging. It embraces a whānau-centred approach to developing those skills and strategies that relate to communications and relationships, such as being able to establish, maintain and enhance relationships; behaving in a manner that upholds the mana of others, as well as one's own; and understanding the significance of peoples' varying needs, roles and responsibilities, and the contribution that each person makes to the wellbeing of the whānau.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Demonstrate knowledge of wairuatanga.

Evidence of at least two specific examples is required.

Performance criteria

1.1 Wairuatanga is described in terms of personal wellbeing.

1.2 Wairuatanga is described in terms of whānau wellbeing.

Outcome 2

Demonstrate expressions of wairuatanga.

Evidence of at least two specific examples is required.

Performance criteria

2.1 Expressions of wairuatanga are demonstrated in relation to personal wellbeing.

2.2 Expressions of wairuatanga are demonstrated in relation to whanau wellbeing.

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Comments on this unit standard

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