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| Title | Describe the characteristics of Māori Trusts established by Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993 through the Māori Land Court | | |
| Level | 4 | Credits | 3 |

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| Purpose | People credited with this unit standard are able to describe the characteristics of Māori Trust established by Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993 through 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 that is subject to specific legislative requirements, including a specific tax rate, accounting and compliance procedures. A Māori authority may be a trustee of a trust or company. There is set criteria that govern what types of organisations that are eligible to become a Māori authority. Generally, it 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 – Charitable Trust Act 1957; Charities Act 2005; Income Tax Act 2007; Māori Incorporations Constitution Regulations 1994; Māori Reservations Regulations 1994; Resource Management Act 1991; Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993; Trusts Act 2019, their amendments and any other relevant Acts, available at www.legislation.govt.nz.

3 Resource Support

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- 4 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 characteristics of Māori Trusts established by Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993 through the Māori Land Court.

Range Māori Trusts – Ahu Whenua, Whānau Trust, Whenua Tōpū, Kaitiaki, , Pūtea.
Evidence of two is required.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Describe the purpose of Māori Trusts and its obligations to owners, beneficiaries and users.
- Range may include but is not limited to – mandatory duties for trustees.
- 1.2 Describe the legislative procedures of Trust orders or trust deeds within Māori Trusts.
- Range may include but is not limited to – formation, review, termination, requirements.
evidence of two is required.
- 1.3 Describe the legislative requirements to appoint trustees to Māori Trusts.

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