

Te ara ki tua: The pathway forward

MEASURING CONFIDENCE IN MÃORI CULTURAL COMPETENCY ACROSS NZ ORGANISATIONS "Building cultural competency will enable us to create fair, diverse and inclusive workplaces and reflect the diverse communities we serve. It will also enable the public service to engage meaningfully, and to design and deliver services that meet the needs of all New Zealanders, now and into the future."

> - TE KAWA MATAAHO PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION PAPA POUNAMU, DRIVING DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION ACROSS THE PUBLIC SERVICE

Celebrating successful capability plans and strategies

Te ara ki tua measures the progress of an organisation's Māori cultural capability strategy/plan, rather than te reo Māori language proficiency.

AskYourTeam have collaborated with Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori (MāoriLanguage Commission), Te Puni Kōkiri (Ministry of Māori Development), Tatauranga Aotearoa (Statistics New Zealand) and Te Hiringa Hauora (Health Promotion Agency), to develop Te ara ki tua (the pathway forward).

This co-created survey is designed to assist organisations in measuring staff confidence in Māori culture skills. The intention is that this survey be used for all organisations, both public and private, who are implementing their own Māori cultural capability strategy. Utilising the Māori Crown Relations Capability Framework, organisations can clearly identify core areas of high confidence or low confidence then use this information to either build a capability plan or to measure their journey from point A to point B.

The Māori Crown Relations Capability Framework core competencies:

- 1. Understanding racial equity and institutional racism
- 2. New Zealand history and the Treaty of Waitangi
- 3. Worldview knowledge
- 4. Tikanga/Kawa
- 5. Te reo Māori
- 6. Engagement with Māori (partnerships/external)

"The protection and promotion of te reo me ngā tikanga Māori as taonga is key to the success of a New Zealand that embraces its diversity and the partnership created through Te Tiriti o Waitangi."

 MAIHI KARAUNA THE CROWN'S STRATEGY FOR MĀORI LANGUAGE REVITALISATION, 2019-2023 (TE PUNI KŌKIRI ARTICLE)

Supporting Māori Crown Relations

Building capability to better support the Māori Crown relationship has been identified by Māori, the government and the public service as a critical area of development for the public service. There are several reasons why this is important. Some of these are to:

- > Contribute to our society
- > Be a good partner
- > Address inequality and promote development
- > Being a better, more inclusive public service

Supporting Maihi Karauna

The crown's strategy for Māori language revitalisation has three audacious goals to achieve by 2040:

- > 85% of New Zealanders (or more) will value te reo Mãori as a key part of national identity.
- > One million New Zealanders (or more) will have the ability and confidence to talk about at least basic things in te reo Māori.
- > 150,000 Māori aged 15 and over will use te reo Māori as much as English

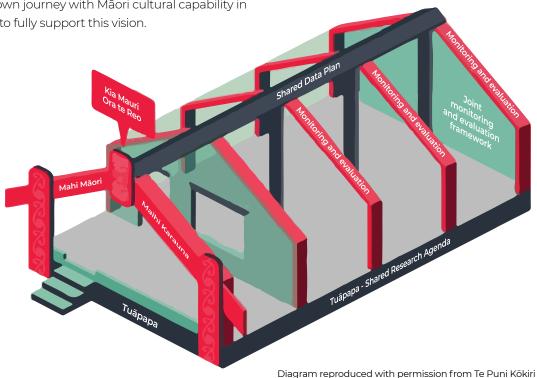
Bringing the population and Maihi Karauna together

Organisations throughout local government and state sectors are implementing Māori cultural capability plans, to meet the Crown requirement that all public service departments have a Māori cultural capability plan in place by 30 June 2021.

Communications will change not just for those working within these public service departments, but for all those that interact them. Supporting organisations and agencies will also need to plan their own journey with Māori cultural capability in order to fully support this vision. Te Puni Kōkiri has led the development of a monitoring and evaluation framework for the Maihi Karauna, in collaboration with Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori.

The diagram below depicts the relationship between foundation projects and the monitoring and evaluation frameworks.

Te ara ki tua is part of the shared data plan, indicated as the tahuhu (ridge beam).



Why AskYourTeam

AskYourTeam works with several clients across the public and private sector who are on their journey with their own Māori cultural capability plan. We wanted to find a way to support the

great outcomes these plans will bring, through the development of a standardised measurement tool to enable organisations to understand their journey over time.

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