

Kā Pūtea Proof of Engagement – Frequently Asked Questions

The purpose of the Kā Pūtea Proof of Engagement Grant is to encourage whānau who are studying to connect, engage and give back to Ngāi Tahu regardless of where you live.

How much can I receive for completing each level?

The grant amounts are pro-rata and determined by the amount of credits/EFT you are enrolled in for the current academic year. The amounts below are based off 120 credits across semesters one and two for the current academic year. If you are completing levels 2 or 3, you will need to also complete an activity for the level(s) below. E.g. if you are completing level 2, an activity will need to be completed for level 1 and level 2.

- Level 1 - \$250
- Level 2 - \$500
- Level 3 - \$1,000

For example – Riana is in her second year studying a certificate of Business Administration part time. She is enrolled in 30 credits and is completing level 2; which makes her eligible for \$125.

Mike is in his first year studying a Bachelor of Engineering full time. He is enrolled in 120 credits and is completing level 1. He is eligible for \$250.

What are some examples of activities for each level?

Some examples for each level are below to give you an idea of the engagement suited for each level.

The higher the level, the more engagement that is expected to be evidenced. For level 1 this can be connecting to Te Ao Māori, however, level 2 and level 3 must have relevance to your iwi, Ngāi Tahu specifically.

- **Level 1:** Taking a te reo paper as part of your studies, learning your pepeha showing your Ngāi Tahu connection
- **Level 2:** attending a wānanga or Ngāi Tahu related hui
- **Level 3:** Being a representative for your Papatipu Rūnanga – this could be on a climate change committee or an elected Ngāi Tahu representative on a committee. It could also be things such as attending Kura Reo/Kia Kurapa through Kotahi Mano Kaika or Reo Māori Mai.

Here are some examples of activities that would *not* be accepted:

- Activities you have completed in the past – activities need to be completed within the year you have applied
- Low engagement activities – such as following Instagram or Facebook pages
- Activities that don't link back to your Ngāi Tahutanga and/or are not specific to Ngāi Tahu
- The same activity across all levels – you need a new activity for each level
- Activities that you've already been approved for in past years – such as learning your pepeha every year

How do I show I have completed the activity in my engagement plan?

The evidence needs to clearly show you have completed the activity this year so it must show the date.

We can accept things such as an academic transcript that shows you have completed the paper, a dated letter, dated hui minutes or an email confirming your attendance at a wānanga, kura reo, hui etc within the year.

Here are some examples of evidence that would *not* be accepted:

- Photos only with no additional evidence or description supplied
- A transcript that doesn't show your name or the course mark showing it has been completed
- Documentation with no dates
- Email threads

All evidence needs to be submitted by 5pm 1 November. Evidence submitted after this time is not able to be accepted.

If you have any pātai, please feel free to reach out to us at funds@ngaitahu.iwi.nz