



Whakapapa Ngāi Tahu

A Guide to Enrolment



Te Rūnanga o NGĀI TAHU



NGĀI TAHU
Whakapapa



Ihirangi

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He Kupu Arataki

Introduction

Whakapapa is the heart of who we are and where we come from. It is the foundation of our identity as individuals and as an iwi.

Ngāi Tahu means “People of Tahu” and all Ngāi Tahu whānui can trace their ancestry back to the tribe’s founder Tahu Pōtiki.

To register on the Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu roll of beneficiaries “the whakapapa roll”, you must be able to trace a direct bloodline to an 1848 kaumātua listed in the Blue Book.

Copies of the Blue Book can be found on the website at www.ngaitahu.iwi.nz under whakapapa registration Ngāi Tahu 1848 census or through the office:

Te Whare o Te Waipounamu
15 Show Place
Addington
Christchurch 8024

Phone: +6433664344 / 0800 KĀI TAHU
Email: whakapapa@ngaitahu.iwi.nz
Website: www.ngaitahu.iwi.nz

Post:
PO Box 13 046
Christchurch 8141

Our whakapapa team will assist you wherever possible but it is the applicant’s responsibility to show their descent from an 1848 kaumātua.

Whakapapa Ngāi Tahu acknowledge that researching your whakapapa can be challenging.

We are here to help.

Tuia te here tāngata

Ngā Tohutohu

Instructions

Follow these simple steps to complete a hardcopy registration form.

1. Fill out an application form completing applicant's full name and contact details. There is a form attached to this booklet.
2. Complete the whakapapa details on the back of the form. We only require a direct line without siblings or spouses, please fill out as much as you can.
3. From those details list your 1848 kaumātua on the front of the form, complete the declaration and sign and date the form. If the applicant is under 16 years of age **only a parent or legal guardian** can sign on their behalf.
4. Attach a copy of your **full** birth certificate showing your Ngāi Tahu parent or parents.
5. Send your complete application to the team at Whakapapa Ngāi Tahu, PO Box 13 046, Christchurch 8141.

A legal guardian must be able to **show documentation granting them legal guardianship** to sign on behalf of a minor.

If you are unfamiliar with your Whakapapa or you have any difficulties with the application form, you can make an appointment to speak with someone in the Whakapapa team by calling 0800 KĀI TAHU or by email on whakapapa@ngaitahu.iwi.nz



Ngā Tohutohu Tuihono

Online Instructions

If your parent is already enrolled, you know their registration number and you have a valid email address and full birth certificate you can apply online.

Online applications can be found on our website: www.ngaitahu.iwi.nz

1. Fill out the applicant's full name and contact details.
2. Fill in your address using the autocomplete function.
3. Enter your phone number and valid email, then click "send code".
Enter the confirmation code received in your email, in the field provided.
4. Scan or take a photo of your **full** birth certificate and upload it to the online form.
5. If registering yourself, add your Ngāi Tahu parent's registration number.
If registering your children, add your registration number.
Your whakapapa tree will be generated.
6. List the place of birth of the applicant, tick the terms and conditions.
7. Complete the robot verification.
8. Click **Submit**.

If you are unsure of any registration numbers, there is an online 'what's my registration number?' page in the whakapapa section of our website, www.ngaitahu.iwi.nz

Tohu Whānautanga

Birth Certificates

**Birth certificates are ordered through the Department of Internal Affairs.
We require a full birth certificate naming both parents.**

If there are any issues with your birth certificate i.e:

- Your Ngāi Tahu parent is not named
- You are adopted
- Your Ngāi Tahu parent will not acknowledge paternity

Contact us at:

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Christchurch 8024

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Email: whakapapa@ngaitahu.iwi.nz
www.ngaitahu.iwi.nz

Whakatūturutanga

Verification

**Once your whakapapa application has been submitted it will be verified
by our whakapapa team.**

In reviewing your whakapapa, the whakapapa team may need to request further information about a previously enrolled member of your whānau, for example where a birth, death or marriage certificate was not captured on the system.

Please be patient. Most matters can be resolved with a quick conversation with the whakapapa team. This further information gathering is necessary to ensure the accuracy of the whakapapa roll and to clearly show your descent from your 1848 kaumātua.

Retaining the whakapapa roll is the duty of Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu and is undertaken with utmost care and attention.

On very rare occasions the birth, death or marriage certificate of a previously enrolled person may raise some questions as to their descent lines.

For example, if the previously enrolled applicant was adopted but did not know this, or did not disclose this when they registered.

In such instances the whakapapa team will work with you to determine whether a blood link to an 1848 kaumātua can be established.





Tamaiti Taurima

Adoptions

Whakapapa Ngāi Tahu must ensure the integrity of the whakapapa roll.

Adoption covers; legal adoptions, whāngai, formal agreements through Oranga Tamariki or its predecessors or informal arrangements amongst friends and family.

If you are adopted you must advise whakapapa Ngāi Tahu of the adoption and identify your Ngāi Tahu biological parents to be eligible to enrol on the whakapapa roll.

If you were legally adopted your adoptive parents' names will be listed on your birth certificate. You will need to apply for a pre-adoption birth certificate to show your Ngāi Tahu biological parent or parents, even if your adoptive parents are of Ngāi Tahu descent.

If yours was not a formal adoption and your Ngāi Tahu biological parent is not named on your birth certificate, you will need to identify your Ngāi Tahu parent. If you encounter any difficulties doing so please contact our whakapapa team, they will assist you.

You can find more information about finding your birth parents and pre-adoption birth certificates on the Oranga Tamariki website at www.orangatamariki.govt.nz

If neither of your biological parents were Ngāi Tahu, you are not able to register on the Whakapapa Roll.

He Ngākau Aroha

Assisted Reproduction

Where a child is conceived through assisted reproduction – for example; surrogacy, invitro fertilization, or donation of egg or sperm, whether formally or through a private arrangement you must provide the name of the Ngāi Tahu donor or Ngāi Tahu biological parent.

In cases of adoption or assisted reproduction you will need to work with our team.





Ngā Pātai?

Frequently asked questions

1. What do you mean by my 1848 kaumātua?

In this context we refer to “your kaumātua” or an “1848 kaumātua” as those kaumātua who were alive in 1848 and are listed in what is known as the **Blue Book**. You can find out more about the Blue Book online, pick up a copy at the office, or by contacting **0800 KĀI TAHU (524 8248)**, or by email on **whakapapa@ngaitahu.iwi.nz**

2. How can I find out who my 1848 kaumātua are?

The simplest way to find out your 1848 kaumātua is if a whānau member has previously enrolled with Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu. If the whānau member is a parent and you are able to ask them for their whakapapa number, you can apply online and the system will automatically generate a family tree showing your ancestral links.

3. I don't know anything about my family where do I start?

Obtain a copy of your **full birth certificate**.

Your full birth certificate lists your parents' names and dates of birth from which you can make further connections back through your family. Birth certificates are obtained through the Department of Internal Affairs.

Other useful places for family research are libraries, the Māori Land Court, genealogical societies and family history websites.



4. My grandfather was registered years ago but now you are asking for his birth certificate. Why?

Although Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu have always required a birth certificate when registering on the whakapapa roll, some older applications have not had the certificate attached to their record, for various reasons. To ensure that our information is accurate and to maintain the integrity of the whakapapa roll, we may need to gather further information such as missing birth, death or marriage certificates. We will work with you to source these.

5. I wasn't born in the South Island; can I register?

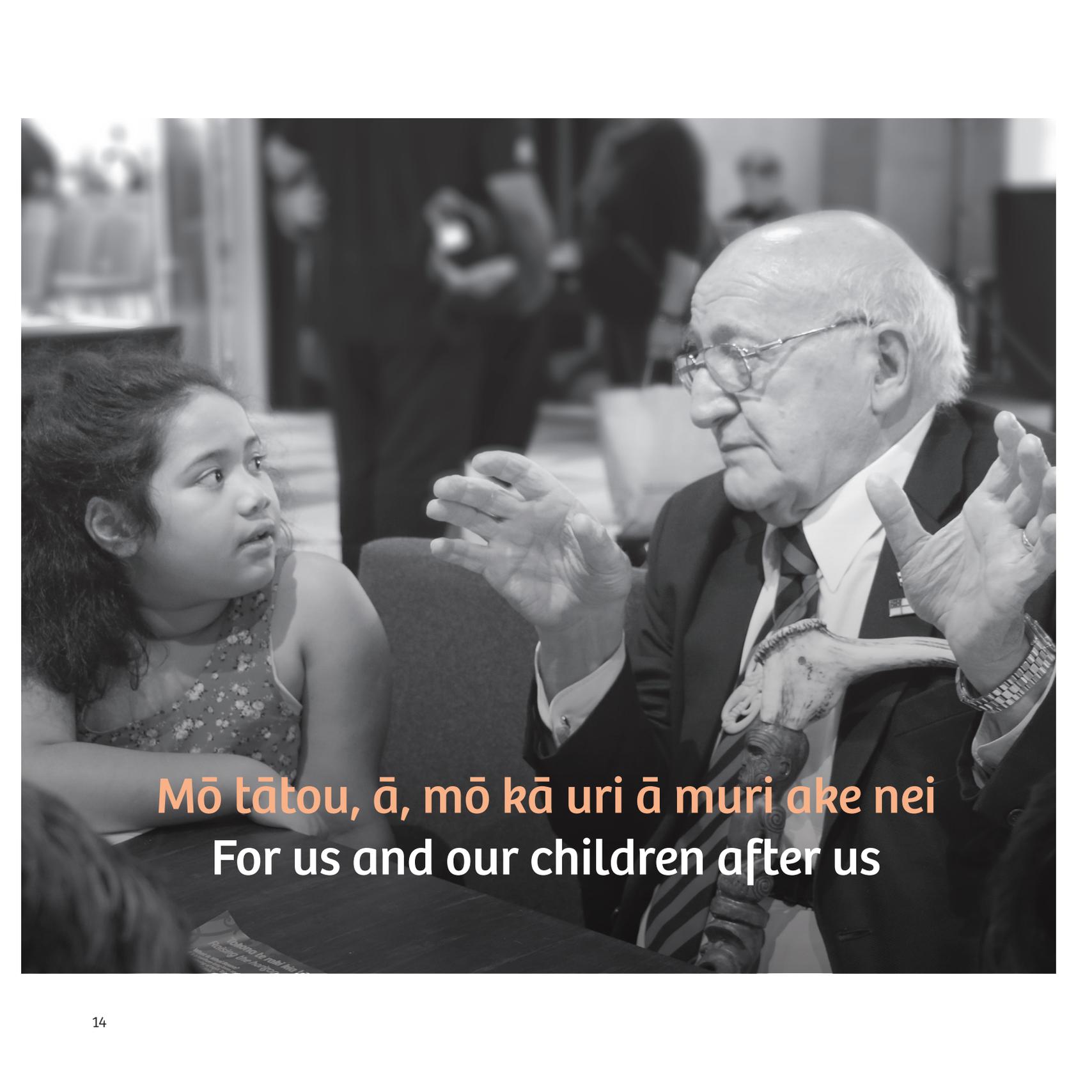
Registration with Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu is determined by blood link to an 1848 kaumātua. Accordingly, it does not matter where you were born, what you must show is that you have a bloodline which can be traced back to an 1848 kaumātua.

6. What if I was adopted?

An adopted person may still be eligible to register on the whakapapa roll if they can establish their blood link to a Ngāi Tahu biological parent. For further information regarding adoptions please see [page 10](#).

7. My adoptive parents are named on my birth certificate and they are Ngāi Tahu, isn't that enough?

No. Your blood descent is determined by your biological parents. To prove your descent to an 1848 kaumātua, you must show that one or other of your biological parents is of Ngāi Tahu descent. You can do this by requesting your Pre-adoption birth certificate. Pre adoption birth certificates are available through Oranga Tamariki at www.orangatamariki.govt.nz



Mō tātou, ā, mō kā uri ā muri ake nei
For us and our children after us

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