

Audio-Recording Te Hiranga Te Reo Māori Trial

Expression of Interest

This year, Te Reo Māori and Te Reo Rangatira Scholarship examinations will be offered digitally, creating a consistent, modern assessment experience for ākongā across both written and spoken parts of the exam.

We are excited to invite schools and kura to join a trial of NZQA's **audio-recording functionality** within the Assessment Master examination platform. This embedded audio tool allows ākongā to record their kōrero response for the Reo Māori and Te Reo Rangatira Scholarship examinations directly within the platform.

The audio-recording tool has been designed to support a smooth, intuitive experience for ākongā as they complete their assessments in a digital setting. This trial marks an important step forward in strengthening the digital delivery of Te Reo Māori and Te Reo Rangatira Scholarship examinations. We are aiming to test the new audio-recording feature and gather valuable feedback from you.

The trial will evaluate:

- **Functionality** – ensuring recordings start, stop, save and transfer to marking reliably.
- **Usability** – assessing whether the recording interface is clear, intuitive and supports ākongā confidence under exam conditions.
- **Operational Impact** – ensuring that exam supervisors can manage the kōrero component effectively and that recordings are reliably transferred to the Marking platform for smooth marking and grading.

Feedback from participating schools and kura will help us identify any improvements required before wider piloting. In particular, the trial will test:

- Audio quality and clarity across different devices and network environments.
- Auto save and submission confirmation processes.
- Seamless transition between written and kōrero components.
- Secure and accurate transfer of files for marking.

The trial will take place from 27-31 July using previously examined Te Hiranga Te Reo Māori materials to simulate live examination conditions.

Participation in this trial will help ensure that the digital delivery of the kōrero component is reliable, equitable and fit for purpose prior to broader rollout.

How can my School or Kura can get involved?

For Schools and Kura to be eligible in this trial they:

- Need to ensure that one school paid staff member is available to assist the ECM in the trial.

For ākongā to be eligible to take part in the trial they:

- Need to have access to laptops with microphones or a microphone plugin.
- Need to provide feedback on their experience post-trial on their experience.

This is a great opportunity to experience innovative digital assessment tools and help NZQA shape future enhancements.

Opportunity for your Exam Centre Manager to participate in the trial

The trial is also extended to your Exam Centre Manager (ECM). In this trial the ECM will become familiar with the support materials and manage audio-recording functionality during the trial period. Participation in this process requires that the ECM will also return as the ECM for the 2026 assessment round.

The expected commitment for the ECM is approximately 4-6 hours, which includes:

- Reviewing the support materials.
- Familiarisation with the audio recording functionality prior to the trial.
- Managing the trial and facilitating ākongā feedback.
- Providing feedback on the support materials and the ākongā use of the audio-function tool.

Remuneration for ECMs will be up to \$300

For your school to be eligible to partake in the trial you must ensure you have an available ECM as the trial will operate as a live mock examination environment.

If you are a Kura Teina with an existing MOU with a Kura Tuakana we also encourage you to apply.

If your school or kura is interested in participating in this trial, please submit your interest via this link:

[Expression of Interest Form](#)

Key Dates

April 20	Term 2 starts
April 28	Expression of Interest opens
May 29	Expression of Interest closes
June 22	Schools & Kura advised of being trial participants
July 3	Term 2 ends
July 20	Term 3 starts
July 20	Support materials distributed for trial participants
July 27 – July 31	Audio-recording Trial Period
July 27 – July 31	Feedback opens
July 31	Feedback closes