

## MQS Qualifications

What do you see yourself doing in the next 5-10 years? Where will you be? Hard to see that far ahead? Gaining a qualification can be the start you need to lead you on to bigger and brighter things. MQS has a wide range of qualifications that have the potential to help steer you on your pathway – whether they be educational, employment or cultural pathways **Tīkarohia te marama!**

## MQS Unit Standards

Did you know that unit standards may be used to count towards NCEA, and even University Entrance (UE)?\*

MQS has a range of unit standards that can contribute to the credits required for NCEA Levels 1 - 3 and UE.\* Our unit standards sit under Field Māori, which you can search for here – <https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/explore/field.do?frameworkId=75867>.

We also have Assessment Support Materials for some unit standards, the Ākonga Booklets for which may be found here – <https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/maori-and-pasifika/field-maori-assessment-support-materials/>.

For more information about the specific unit standards that may contribute to the outcomes of these qualifications, please go to the Te Whakamahi Whenua domain page – <https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/explore/domain.do?frameworkId=76322#standards> or scan the QR code below.

If you would like to talk with someone from MQS, please email us at [mqs@nzqa.govt.nz](mailto:mqs@nzqa.govt.nz) or call us on 0800 697 296.



\*Credits from unit standards may be used to count towards University Entrance, though you will have to ensure you've met the necessary requirements for UE (which can be found here – <https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/qualifications-standards/awards/university-entrance/>).

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*Want to learn about tikanga and potentially gain a career working with the environment?*

*Māori Qualifications Services (MQS) has developed a range of qualifications*

There are so many avenues and pathways to consider, the following are just a few for you to think about.

**Mahinga Kai - Te Hoata  
New Zealand Certificate in Maori Traditional Food  
Production, Harvest, and Management**

(Level 3) [Ref:2348]  
*120 credits*

This level 3 certificate is intended for whānau, hapū, iwi, and hapori with an interest or some theoretical knowledge and operational experience in mahinga kai (Māori food production, harvesting and management) who are seeking a formal qualification to work toward cultural confidence with limited supervision at an introductory level.

Te iwi Māori and Aotearoa will benefit from having graduates who have a te ao Māori perspective, an appreciation for mātauranga mahinga kai and to apply those skills and knowledge with a view to preserving, enhancing, and promoting this body of knowledge for current and future generations.

Graduates will be able to work with whānau, hapū, iwi, and hapori demonstrating and applying mātauranga mahinga kai as a unique body of knowledge to enhance connection to te ao Māori.

## Career Opportunities

Graduates of the **level 3** certificate will have the skills and knowledge to contribute to future mahinga kai development. Roles that this qualification may lead to include:

- horticulture and agriculture production assistants
- nursery assistants
- viticulture assistants
- seafood and processing work
- fishing/seafood harvesting crew positions
- aquarist and apiculture assistant
- mentoring
- guide (learning education outside classroom)
- navigator - Whānau Ora

This qualification provides a pathway for graduates to develop capability and capacity to protect, maintain, and enrich mātauranga Mahinga Kai for whānau, hapū, iwi, and hapori current and future generations.

Contribution to hapori and cultural roles may include involvement as the following:

- working as part of a collective to maintain whānau, hapū, iwi, and hapori māra kai.
- kaimahi harvesting seafood, fishing, hunting, gathering traditional kai to fulfil the manaakitanga obligations and responsibilities to protect the mana and te tino rangatiratanga of the whānau, hapū, iwi, and/or hapori.