

FAQs

NZQA Audio Recording Trial Te Hiranga Te Reo Māori

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Pātai ākonga might ask

Understanding Expectations

What am I expected to listen for?

This will be explained in the trial assessment, and you'll also receive feedback to guide your understanding.

What am I being assessed on? Do I need to remember exact details or focus on the main ideas?

This trial is about testing the recording tool, not your performance, and you won't be marked. Your feedback will help improve the tool. You'll listen to an audio piece and then create and record a short speech based on what you heard.

Can I take notes while listening?

Yes, we encourage you to take notes. Your ECM/supervisor will support you with what you need.

How many times can I hear the recording?

Your supervisor will guide you on how many times you can playback your recording.

What should I do if I miss something?

If you miss something, just let your supervisor know. They are there to support you.

Preparation

What resources are permitted in the assessment?

Your supervisor will let you know what you can use.

Are there practice materials available?

Yes, there will be opportunities to practise if this tool is introduced more widely.

Technical Concerns

What happens if I cannot hear the recording clearly?

Your supervisor will make sure there's a backup option available. You can also re-record your response in the platform if needed.

What support is available if there are technical issues?

Your ECM or supervisor will support you if any issues come up.

Will headphones be provided?

Headphones aren't provided. Your kura will guide you on what's available.

Will the audio quality be the same in every school?

This will depend on the microphone capability of each device. Your supervisor will guide you.

Pātai a Kaiako might ask

Pilot-Specific Questions

What specific feedback is NZQA seeking from pilot schools?

We want to know how well the tool works. Your feedback will help us decide if it's ready to use for live assessments.

How will pilot feedback influence the final assessment?

Your feedback will help shape how kōrero is collected for future Te Reo Māori and Te Reo Rangatira Scholarship exams.

What aspects of the pilot are still being tested?

We are testing how well the recording tool works in a real assessment setting.

How will student and kaiako voices be incorporated into future development?

Your voices matter. Feedback from ākonga and kaiako will help guide future improvements and decisions.

What are the next steps following the pilot?

All feedback will be reviewed, and a decision will be made about whether to continue. Trial kura and ECMs will be updated, and guidance will be improved based on what we learn.

Teaching and Preparation

What resources will NZQA provide to support kaiako?

Find assessment support resources here. [Te Reo Rangatira](#) | [Te Reo Māori](#)

What common misconceptions should kaiako be aware of?

- A common misconception is that ākonga are being formally assessed - this trial is only about testing the recording tool, not judging their performance.
- Some may worry that technical issues will disadvantage ākonga. In reality, backup options and re-recording are available to ensure fairness.
- Another misconception is that this reflects final assessment conditions. This is a trial, so feedback from kaiako and ākonga is encouraged and valued to improve the process.
- There can be uncertainty about support - kaiako and supervisors are there to guide and support ākonga throughout the process.

How can schools best prepare students for this assessment?

Find assessment support resources here. [Te Reo Rangatira](#) | [Te Reo Māori](#)