



Mahinga Kai - Te Hoata

NZ Certificate in Māori Food Production, Harvest and Management Level 3

This qualification is intended for whānau with an interest in Mahinga Kai - Māori Food Production, Harvesting, and Management. Develop the knowledge and skills so you can grow and gather your own kai for your whānau. Learn the traditional methods from your rohe and be able to pass this knowledge on to future generations.

Location	Nationwide
Start	Various start dates
Length	52 weeks part-time*
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* Delivery includes noho workshops and online learning.
For NZ Citizens and Permanent Residents



TE AHO A MĀUI

Grow and gather your own kai

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

Learn the traditional methods of growing and collecting kai from the whenua, ngahere, awa and moana, and learn how to prepare and preserve this kai.

Career and Study Opportunities

Contribution to community and cultural roles may include involvement in the following:

- Working as part of a collective to maintain whānau, hapū and community 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 hāpori.

Continue studying with other programmes such as Reo māori, Toi māori, Māori Environmental Practices, cookery and catering, etc.

Timetable

Your study time will be made up of contact time (face-to-face and online classes, tutorials, field trips and practical learning opportunities) and non-contact time (your own individual study time).

Contact Time

Classes are usually scheduled between 9.00am–3.00pm, two (2) to three (3) days per week supported by online learning and noho workshops.

Non-contact Time

You should plan to spend 10–15 hours per week on individual study.

Additional Costs

- Equipment needed: Steel cap boots



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Fee: Visit fees.eit.ac.nz to see the fees for this programme



2025 Key Dates

Various start dates throughout the year.

Please contact the Programme Administrator for exact dates.

Semester Breaks

14 - 25 April

30 June - 11 July

22 September - 3 October

Please confirm the exact dates of Semester Breaks with the Programme Coordinator.

Entry Requirements

This is an open entry programme which means no formal qualifications are required. You must be aged 16 or over and you are required to have a reasonable reading level in order to cope with the programme and to carry out written instruction.

This is a practical programme that requires students to have the physical ability to undertake practical tasks.

English Language Entry Requirements

All applicants for whom English or te reo Māori is not a first language will need to provide evidence that they have the necessary English Language Proficiency required for the Programme. Applicants are required to have an IELTS (general or academic) score of 5 with no individual band score lower than 5 from one test taken within the preceding two years, or an equivalent described in NZQA Rules.

Literacy and Numeracy Skills

A Literacy and Numeracy assessment is part of the preparation for all Level 1 to 3 programmes. This is a national requirement from the Tertiary Education Commission (TEC). This information gives your tutors information on what you already know to help them provide the help that you may need in your studies.

There are two assessments. The first assessment will take place within the first three weeks of the programme. The second will be a week or two before you finish the programme. This final assessment will show how you have improved with your Literacy and Numeracy skills.

There will always be a tutor to help you when doing the assessment. The most important thing to know about this assessment is that you CANNOT fail. You will merely get information on your Literacy and Numeracy skills. The result will NOT have an impact on any of your assessment marks in your course work.

Assessments

Each course contains assessments which may be in the form of an assignment, test, practical, collection, project and work.

Experienced Kaiako

At EIT, you can be confident in the quality of our teaching and your learning experience.

EIT is highly regarded in New Zealand for research excellence due to the quality of our community centred research, our publications and our external grant income provided by funding institutions who have confidence in our research capability. You

can be confident your lecturers use the latest knowledge and research in their field of expertise to inform their teaching, and many are at the forefront of knowledge creation within their discipline area.

Scholarships

Scholarships are a way to help financially support your study. They can make life easier by helping to cover your fees and living expenses while you complete your qualification. You don't always need to be an academic high-flyer to qualify.

Find out what's available at scholarships.eit.ac.nz or for general scholarship information please contact scholarships@eit.ac.nz.

The experience you need & the support to succeed

When you study at EIT you'll get the kind of experiences that will help you gain the knowledge and skills to get ahead.

You'll also be supported by lecturers and tutors who are here for you, within a learning environment where you are treated as an individual, not just a number.

They'll know your name and you'll receive one-on-one attention to make sure you get the support to succeed.



Programme Information

This programme helps to enhance your knowledge, understanding, and skills in Mahinga Kai, with a view to preserving, enhancing and promoting this body of knowledge for current and future generations. As a graduate you will develop an appreciation for mātauranga Mahinga Kai and be able to apply those skills and knowledge.

Course Descriptions

Course No.	Brief Description	NZQA Level	No. of Credits
MK3.01	Tūrangawaewae The aim of this course is to identify and apply the mātauranga, kawa and tikanga relevant to mahinga kai practices derived from specific locations and any legislation that affects these practices.	3	15
MK3.02	Māra kai This course provides ākonga with knowledge and skills to apply knowledge and skills related to a broad range of mahi māra kai activities.	3	15
MK3.03	Kohinga kai This course provides ākonga with knowledge and skills to gather and harvest kai.	3	15
MK3.04	Whakarite kai This course provides ākonga with knowledge and skills to prepare and use kai.	3	15
MK3.05	Kaitiakitanga This course provides ākonga with knowledge and skills to preserve and store kai.	3	15
MK3.06	Pūkengatanga This course provides ākonga with knowledge and skills to use appropriate tools for both mahinga kai practice and to preserve and share mahinga kai knowledge.	3	15
MK3.07	Whanaungatanga This course provides ākonga with knowledge and skills to apply effective communication in mahinga kai contexts across whānau, hapu and hapori.	3	15
MK3.08	Rangatiratanga This course provides ākonga with knowledge and skills to promote mātauranga mahinga kai as a means of developing personal, community and environmental wellbeing.	3	15



How to Enrol

There is an easy 3-step process to follow when enrolling at EIT.

Step 1

Check out eit.ac.nz to see the programmes available for you to study. A copy of the course information for each programme is available on our website.

Step 2

You can now use your RealMe verified identity to apply for study at EIT. If you use your RealMe verified identity you will no longer be sent a copy of your application form to sign. You also will not need to provide us with a copy of your primary ID.

If you apply online without using RealMe then you will be sent a summary of your enrolment to check and sign. It will also include course selection forms which you need to complete and return. Your enrolment cannot progress until you have sent the summary and forms back to us.

You can also apply using a paper enrolment form. Please call us on 0800 22 55 348 and we will send you one.

You will receive an acceptance letter from your Faculty with programme information. This will include the start date of your study and any special information regarding your programme. Depending on your chosen programme of study, you may be invited to attend an interview before you are accepted.

Step 3

Arrangement for full payment of enrolment fees must be made before the start of your programme. You will receive an invoice with payment details.

Fees Free Government Scheme: Tertiary education is fees-free for eligible domestic tertiary students. To check if you are eligible, go to [FeesFree.govt.nz](https://feesfree.govt.nz) and enter your National Student Number (NSN). If you are not eligible you will be responsible for paying your fees.

Scholarships and Grants: Scholarships and grants make life easier by helping to cover your fees, other costs and living expenses while you study. You don't always need to be an academic high-flyer to qualify. You can find out more about scholarships and other options for paying your fees at eit.ac.nz.

StudyLink: If you need to pay for your own study you can choose to apply for your Student Loan and Student Allowance with StudyLink. You should do this early, even if you haven't yet been accepted on your programme. You can change your details later if anything changes. Visit studylink.govt.nz to find out more about StudyLink.

Student Services Levy

The student services levy is a compulsory non-tuition fee that is charged to students enrolled at EIT. The levy is to contribute to the provision of quality student services that support learning. The funds received by EIT from the levy are ring-fenced, meaning they can only be spent on student services.

Student Loans and Allowances

StudyLink is a service of the Ministry of Social Development. Apply well before your programme begins (even if you haven't been accepted yet) so you'll be ready to get your payments when you need them most.

Check out what you qualify for at studylink.govt.nz.



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