

**NGATI WHAKAUE EDUCATION ENDOWMENT TRUST BOARD**  
**(“The Board”)**  
**WHAKAPAPA POLICY (2015)**

Policy Name	<b>Whakapapa Policy (2015)</b>
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Signed (Chairman)	Mr Malcolm Short <i>ONZM</i>

**1. Purpose**

- 1.1 To ensure that all applicants for the Boards various grants provide appropriate information and detail relating to Whakapapa
- 1.2 To acknowledge that legally adopted children have the same rights and entitlements as natural children or issue.
- 1.3 To recognize Whangai as may be appropriate to the Board when considering any individual applications relevant to the Board’s various grants
- 1.4 To provide for a Board Whakapapa Panel to act in an advisory capacity to the Board in matters relating to Whakapapa.

**2. Applications**

- 2.1 Applications requiring Whakapapa shall be provided in the utmost good faith by Applicants to satisfy the Board’s requirements in all respects including:
  - Full disclosure of relevant family lineage/relationships
  - Acknowledgements of any legal adoption
  - Background and detail of Whangai status where appropriate
  - Certification by appropriate Kaumatua/Kuia as to accuracy
- 2.2 The Board may request such further information as it may think fit to consider Whakapapa, Whangai status and eligibility.
- 2.3 Whangai may not receive the same sort of entitlements to grants as a natural child or legally adopted child and the Board shall take into account the information and evidence given to decide what entitlement (if any) shall be appropriate.

**3. Whakapapa Panel**

- 3.1 The Board have available Kaumatua and Kuia who are able to review grant Applicants whakapapa and assist the Board in providing and critiquing Whakapapa criteria relevant to the Board’s various grants available
- 3.2 The Board or Whakapapa Panel may make any enquiries it considers necessary to establish, research or verify any applicant’s Whakapapa.

- 3.3 Kaumatua and Kuia on the Board's Whakapapa Panel act solely in an advisory capacity and any decisions relevant to any grant applications remain the responsibility of the Board.
- 3.4 The Board will meet all reasonable expenses involved.

#### **4. Panel Members**

- 4.1 Panel members are appointed and retired as deemed appropriate by the Board to meet their requirements.
- 4.2 Current Panel Members comprise:

Malcolm Short Monty Morrison Alex Wilson Violet Pelham Aramoana Mohi	Fred Whata Norma Sturley
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#### **5. The Process**

- 5.1 The Board/Secretary has authority to instruct/arrange for Whakapapa to be researched and/or approved to meet the requirements of the Board's various grants criteria while endeavouring to make best use of resources and the time of Panel Members.
- 5.2 The Secretary will provide at the Board's expense appropriate facilities and hospitality for Kaumatua and Kuia attending to the Board's requirements.
- 5.3 Fees shall be payable to Panel Members on the same basis as Trustee Sub-Committee Meeting fees as approved by the Board from time to time.
- 5.4 Any determination as to eligibility for grants is the sole and final responsibility of the Board.