

Te Ratonga Whakatau Wenerau o *Te Kooti Whenua Māori*

Māori Land Court
Dispute Resolution Service

Te puka tono mō te tūnga Takawaenga Expression of interest form - Mediator

Aratohu

Instructions

Complete all sections of this form. Ensure all information is true and correct to the best of your knowledge and include your signature as required under the Declaration section.

Please open and complete this application form using Adobe Acrobat. **Do not use macrons** as they may affect successful completion of the form.

Email your completed expression of interest to DRSexpressionofinterest@justice.govt.nz by **5:00pm on 30 April 2026** and include **DRS mediator expression of interest - Your Name** in the subject line.

Kōrero mō te kaitono

Applicant details

Full name: _____

Preferred name: _____

Contact phone: _____

Email address: _____

Postal address: _____

Iwi affiliation: _____

Current role: _____

Kupu taurangi mō ngā pūkenga me ngā pūmanawa o te kaitono

Statement of suitability

Please outline your suitability for approval as a mediator under Te Ratonga Whakatau Wenerau o Te Kooti Whenua Māori. Comment on your understanding of the kaupapa of the court, your experience in whenua Māori contexts, and your commitment to delivering tikanga-informed mediation.

Āhuatanga A: Pūkenga whakatau wenerau, takawaenga hoki

Category A: Dispute resolution and mediation skills

A1. Experience in delivering consent-based dispute resolution

Describe your experience in delivering consent-based dispute resolution processes, including mediation. Where applicable, comment on your experience in large-group mediations and supporting the resolution of whenua Māori disputes.

A2. Engaging and communicating within a Māori context

Describe how you engage effectively with whānau and others in culturally grounded settings. Comment on how you show regard for the mana and status of te reo Māori as a taonga tuku iho protected under Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

A3. Facilitation and tikanga-informed processes

Describe how you facilitate a shared understanding between parties who are in dispute and maintain impartiality during a mediation process. Comment on how you manage different relationship dynamics and use tikanga to support and guide a mediation process.



A4. Professional conduct

Outline your approach to ensuring procedural fairness, confidentiality, safety, and conflict of interest management when leading a mediation process.

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A5. Working with others as part of a mediation process

Describe your experience in working with others as part of a mediation process. Others in this context should include kaumātua and legal practitioners.

A6. Organisational and administrative capabilities

Describe your experience in planning and managing mediation logistics.

Āhuatanga B: Te reo me ōna tikanga

Category B: Te reo me ōna tikanga knowledge

B1. Understanding of te ao Māori and application of tikanga

Describe your experience within / understanding of te ao Māori, including its significance when applied in a whenua Māori context. Comment on how you apply that understanding to support the resolution of whenua Māori disputes.

Explain your understanding of the tikanga principles of mana, whanaungatanga, rangatiratanga, take, hē, ea, and rangimārie, and how you apply them through mediation.

B2. Practical use of te reo Māori

Describe how you incorporate te reo Māori and traditional customary practices throughout the mediation process such as karakia, mihi mihi and waiata, in alignment with the tikanga of parties.

Āhuatanga C: Mōhio ki Te Ture Whenua Māori me te whakahaere whenua Māori

Category C: Te Ture and whenua Māori knowledge

C1. Knowledge of Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993

Describe your understanding of the purpose and principles of Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993 and the role of Te Kooti Whenua Māori under that Act.

C2. Whenua Māori governance

Describe your understanding of matters relating to trusts, incorporations, succession, marae structures and governance, and Māori reservations issues.



Āhuatanga D: Te tū matatika me te hāngai ki ngā paearu kōwhiri

Category D: Personal ethics and suitability

D1. Criminal records check

Please complete items D1 through D4 and indicate status as required.

- I confirm that I can pass a criminal records check.
- I have previous criminal convictions and provide context below.

D2. Bankruptcy and company receivership or liquidation

- I confirm that I have not been declared bankrupt or been a director of a company that has been put into receivership or liquidation.
- I have been declared bankrupt or have been a director of a company that has been put into receivership or liquidation and provide context below.

D3. Disciplinary body investigation

I confirm that I am not subject to a current investigation, charge, or order by a regulatory or disciplinary body.

I have been declared bankrupt or have been a director of a company that has been put into receivership or liquidation and provide context below.

D4. Subject of a disciplinary body complaint

I confirm that I have not been the subject of a complaint that was upheld by a regulatory or disciplinary body, including in another country.

I have been the subject of a complaint that was upheld by a regulatory or disciplinary body, including in another country and provide context below.

Kaitaunaki

Referees

Referee 1

Name: _____

Role / Relationship: _____

Organisation: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Referee 2

Name: _____

Role / Relationship: _____

Organisation: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Kupu tūturu

Declaration

I declare that the information provided in this Expression of Interest is true and correct.

Signature: _____

Date: _____