



Pātaka Whenua Step-By-Step Guides

Search for an ownership

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You do not need to be a registered Pātaka Whenua user in order to search and access ownership information.

This guide covers two ways to search for an ownership in Pātaka Whenua online portal:

- Near Match Search (page 2),
- Exact Match Search (page 6).

Accessing Pātaka Whenua

Step 1

In your web browser, visit the Māori Land Court website www.maorilandcourt.govt.nz and click the green tab in the top right area labelled **“Pātaka Whenua – our online portal”**.

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Māori Land Court

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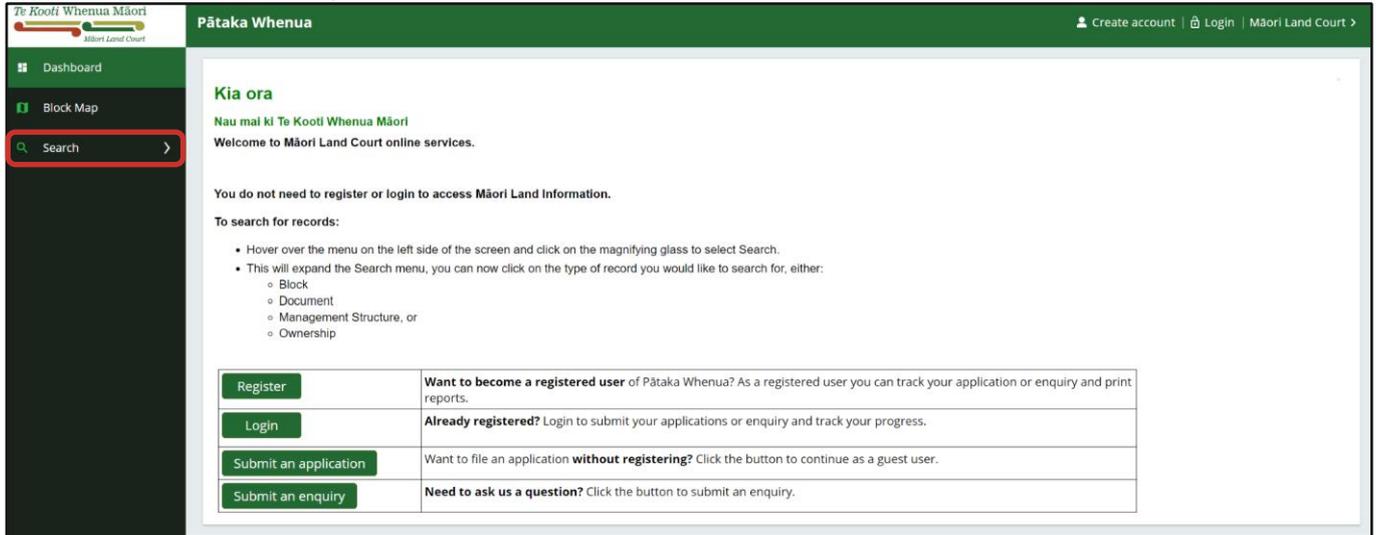
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Find an ownership using the Search menu – Near Match Search

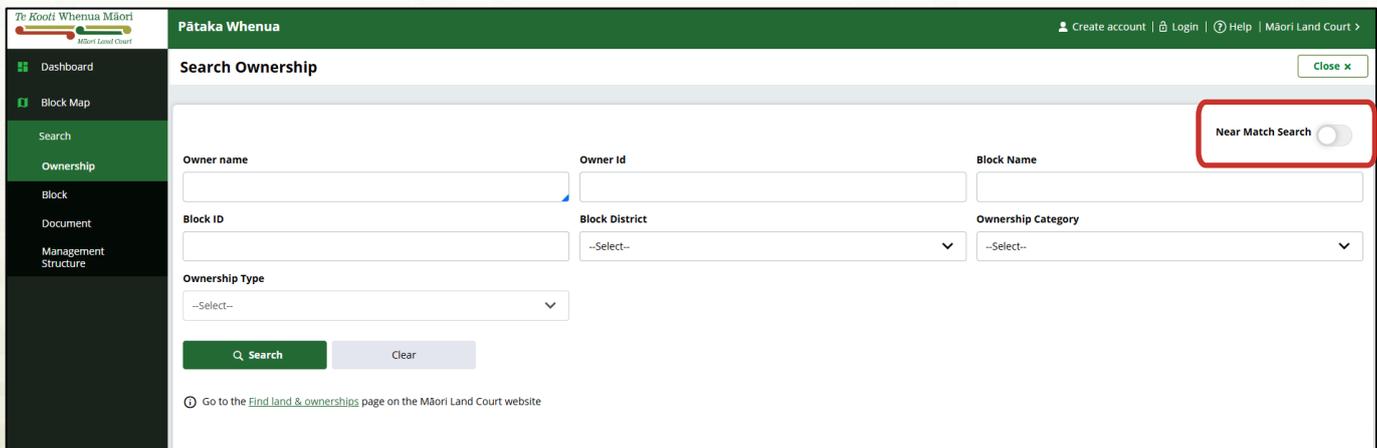
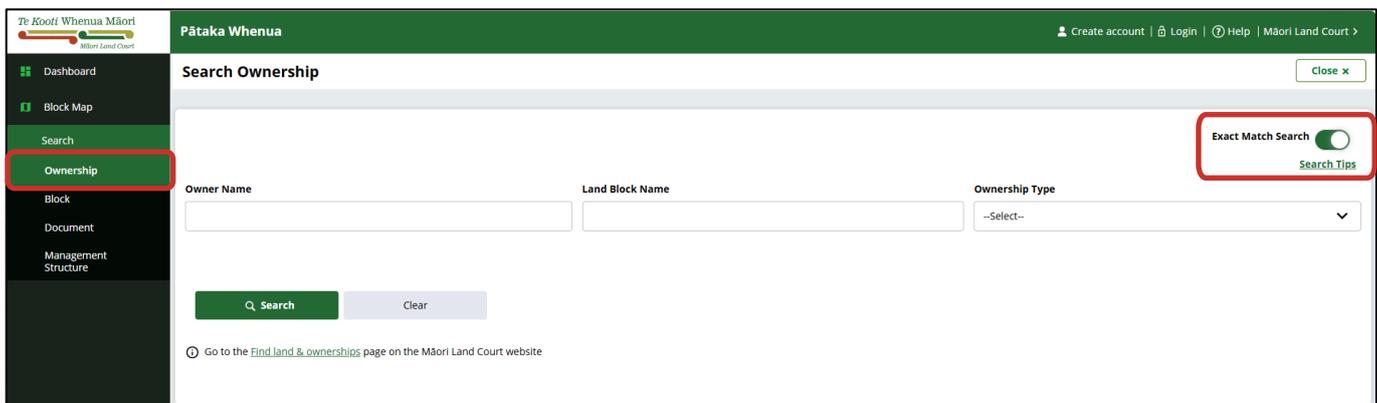
Step 1

In the Pātaka Whenua portal, use the menu on the left side of the screen to click **“Search”**.



Step 2

This will expand the Search menu, select **“Ownership”** from the available options. This will open in the **Near Match Search** screen by default. If you prefer to search using the **Exact Match Search** screen, simply click the toggle located at the top right-hand corner of the Ownership screen.



Step 3

Enter the person's name into the **Owner name** box if known. You can also add in any other search criteria information that you know using the provided boxes and drop-down menus.

It is recommended to search with at least the name criteria entered in. Searching with only Land Block Name, or Ownership Type without a name may produce a large number of search results.

Exact Match Search
[Search Tips](#)

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| Owner Name <input type="text" value="Maraku Cribb"/> | Land Block Name <input type="text"/> | Ownership Type <input type="text" value="--Select--"/> |
|--|--|--|

Go to the [Find land & ownerships](#) page on the Māori Land Court website

OWNER NAME SEARCH TIPS

- Search with the owner's first and last name if known.
- Can't find an owner? Try all the different names they might be known by including nicknames, married names, adopted, whāngai Māori names, and names that may have been spelt incorrectly.

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|--|--|
| Owner Name <input type="text" value="Maraku Cribb"/> | Land Block Name <input type="text"/> |
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Step 4

Once you have entered your search criteria, click **“Search”**.

Exact Match Search
[Search Tips](#)

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|--|--|--|
| Owner Name <input type="text" value="Maraku Cribb"/> | Land Block Name <input type="text"/> | Ownership Type <input type="text" value="--Select--"/> |
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Step 5

Scroll down the page to view the **Search results**.

| Search results | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------------|---------------------|----------|--------------|-----------------|--|
| Use the filter symbols or the sort feature in the column headers to narrow your search | | | | | | |
| Owner ID | Owner Name | Land Block Name | Type | Shares Ratio | Minute Book Ref | |
| 3324476 | Christopher Maraku Cribb | Tauranga Taupo 1A2 | Absolute | 0.03 | 311 AOT 52-57 | |
| 3324476 | Christopher Maraku Cribb | Pukawa B | Absolute | 0.0085 | 311 AOT 52-57 | |
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To refine the results further, you can use the triangle filter buttons to apply additional criteria with the filter pop-up boxes.

Search results

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Step 6

When you have located the correct owner name and it is displayed in the **Search results** area, click the name in the **Owner name** or **Owner ID** column to open the ownership information page.

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TIP: There may be multiple results for one owner, the Land Block Name column may help you find the ownership you are looking for.

Step 7

Once you open the ownership information page, you will find name and ID details, the originated documents list (if entered), and four tabs below this with further information.

Click through the tab headings to explore the additional information available and browse the associated documents for the ownership.

The screenshot displays the Pātaka Whenua web application interface. At the top, the header includes the text "Pātaka Whenua" and navigation links for "Create account", "Login", "Help", and "Māori Land Court". Below the header, there are three buttons: "Actions", "Refresh", and "Close".

The main content area is divided into two sections, each with a "Collapse" button:

- Christopher Maraku Cribb**: This section contains "Person details" with a "Person ID" of 3324476. Below this is an "Alias Name" table with three entries: "Maraku Cribb", "Maraku Christopher Cribb", and "Maruku Christopher Cribb".
- Originated documents list**: This section features a table with columns for "Document Name", "Document Type", "Date", "Authority", and "Minute Book Reference". The table currently shows "No items".

At the bottom of the main content area, there is a green navigation bar with four tabs: "Ownership", "Details", "Documents", and "Historic (MLIS) Merge". The "Ownership" tab is highlighted with a red border. To the right of this bar is a "View all" toggle switch.

Below the navigation bar, there are two expandable sections:

- Ownership**: A section with a right-pointing chevron.
- Entitlement**: A section with a right-pointing chevron.

Find an ownership using the Search menu – Exact Match Search

Step 1

In the Pātaka Whenua portal, use the menu on the left side of the screen to click **“Search”**.

Pātaka Whenua Create account | Login | Māori Land Court >

Kia ora
Nau mai ki Te Kōwhiri Whenua Māori
Welcome to Māori Land Court online services.

You do not need to register or login to access Māori Land Information.

To search for records:

- Hover over the menu on the left side of the screen and click on the magnifying glass to select Search.
- This will expand the Search menu, you can now click on the type of record you would like to search for, either:
 - Block
 - Document
 - Management Structure, or
 - Ownership

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|---------------------------------------|---|
| Register | Want to become a registered user of Pātaka Whenua? As a registered user you can track your application or enquiry and print reports. |
| Login | Already registered? Login to submit your applications or enquiry and track your progress. |
| Submit an application | Want to file an application without registering ? Click the button to continue as a guest user. |
| Submit an enquiry | Need to ask us a question? Click the button to submit an enquiry. |

Step 2

This will expand the Search menu, select **“Ownership”** from the available options. This will open in the **Near Match** screen by default. For **Exact Match** screen, simply click the toggle located at the top right-hand corner of the Ownership screen.

Pātaka Whenua Create account | Login | Help | Māori Land Court >

Search Ownership Close x

Exact Match Search Search Tips

Owner Name Land Block Name Ownership Type

[Q Search](#) Clear

Go to the [Find land & ownerships](#) page on the Māori Land Court website

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Near Match Search

Owner name Owner Id Block Name

Block ID Block District Ownership Category

Ownership Type

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Step 3

Enter the person's name (or part of) into the **Owner name** box if known. You can also add in any other search criteria information that you know using the provided boxes and drop-down menus.

It is recommended to search with at least the name or ID criteria entered in. Searching with only Block District, Ownership Category, or Ownership Type without a name or ID may produce a large number of search results.

The screenshot shows a search form with the following fields: Owner name (containing 'Maraku%Cribb'), Owner Id, Block Name, Block ID, Block District (dropdown), Ownership Category (dropdown), Ownership Type (dropdown), and Ownership State (dropdown). A 'Near Match Search' toggle is in the top right. At the bottom, there is a 'Search' button and a 'Clear' button. A link below the buttons says 'Go to the Find land & ownerships page on the Māori Land Court website'.

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- Search with the owner's first and last name if known.
- We recommend you type a % symbol between the first and last name if the person has a middle name or when searching for the first time, e.g. First%Last name and example below. This indicates to the system that there may be
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A close-up of the 'Owner name' field showing the text 'Maraku%Cribb' with a red dashed underline under the percentage symbol.

Step 4

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This screenshot is identical to the one in Step 3, but the 'Search' button is highlighted with a red border to indicate it should be clicked.

Step 5

Scroll down the page to view the **Search results**.

| Owner name | Block Name | Type | Shares/Ratio | Minute book reference |
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Ownership Type

--Select-- Clear Filter

Christopher Maraku Cribb

Go to the Māori Land Court website

Search Text

Apply Cancel

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 - Person details**
 - Person ID**: 3324476
 - Alias Name**: A table listing three aliases: "Maraku Cribb", "Maraku Christopher Cribb", and "Maraku Christopher Cribb".
- Originated documents list**
 - A table with columns: "Document Name", "Document Type", "Date", "Authority", and "Minute Book Reference".
 - The table content is "No items".

Ownership Details Documents Historic (MLIS) Merge

View all

> Ownership

> Entitlement