

Māori and Pacific Trades Training

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Māori and Pacific Trades Training (MPTT) is an entry-level training programme that aims to strengthen the nature of education and grow the Māori and Pacific workforce.

The kaupapa builds upon the legacy of the Māori Trades Training initiatives of the 1950s and 1960s, and is an extension of the He Toki ki te Rika initiative that began after the Canterbury earthquakes in 2011.

MPTT is a fine example of collaboration, bringing together representatives of local iwi, Pacific communities, industry representatives, government agencies and educational institutions, all focused on helping Māori and Pacific learners develop the skills and attributes needed for life long learning and long-term employment outcomes.

Eligibility

To be eligible, you need to be of Māori or Pacific descent, aged between 16-40 years of age, and enrolled in one of the following affiliated programmes of study.

- Automotive engineering
- Construction trade skills (joinery and carpentry)
- Electrical engineering
- Mechanical engineering
- Plumbing, gasfitting and drainlaying
- NZ Certificate in Health and Wellbeing
- Study and employment pathways

Benefits of MPTT

- Your course fees are covered
- You can apply to the Learner Support Fund for course related costs (e.g. tools, books, transport)
- We will support you to get your driver's licence (or move to the next licence stage)
- We will support you to transition into further training or employment
- Monthly wānanga workshops will be run to help build your skills and attributes



Expectations of participants

- **Commitment:** strive to be your best, uphold the mana of this kaupapa and complete every task.
- **Attendance:** turn up to class in order to give yourself the best chance of success.
- **Planning for success:** work with Ara | Te Pūkenga staff to complete your own Success Plan.
- **Participation:** get involved in MPTT activities during the year (especially orientation and the weekly Wednesday Wānanga Workshops).
- **Ask questions:** It's okay not to know, as long as you give it a go. As Confucius said, "The man who asks a question is a fool for a minute; the man who does not ask, is a fool for life."
- **Ask for help:** when you need, make sure that you reach out to our academic learning advisors and/or student support staff (see contact details on back page). Their job is to help you.

Equipment

For Trades programmes, all tools and equipment are provided in the workshop. Safety boots or sturdy leather footwear is compulsory, and we recommend that you wear overalls.



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Student advisors are located at all campuses so if you need advice or have questions, please contact your Student Support office for assistance.

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