



iReo 1

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Introduction

iReo 1 is a welcoming introduction to te reo Māori for people starting their learning journey. You'll learn everyday pronunciation, greetings, simple phrases, and foundational language skills while exploring the tikanga and cultural concepts that bring the language to life. Whether you want to reconnect with your culture, support your family, build confidence, or simply learn respectfully, iReo 1 gives you a practical and supportive place to begin. No prior knowledge is needed.

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Why choose this programme?

- Reconnect with culture and identity. Strengthen your connection to te reo Māori and te ao Māori in a way that fits your life, wherever you live.
- Learn without pressure. Designed for beginners, with step-by-step learning you can complete at your own pace.
- Build confidence for everyday life. Learn practical language you can start using with family, friends, workmates, and community.
- Study flexibly online. Access your learning anywhere with flexible online delivery.

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What you'll learn

By the end of iReo 1, you'll be able to:

- Pronounce the Māori alphabet confidently
- Use basic greetings and farewells
- Understand vowel sounds and pronunciation patterns
- Pronounce people and place names
- Identify and use different pronouns
- Begin using everyday te reo Māori naturally
- Build confidence engaging with Māori language and culture

The course is divided into six modules, designed so that you can complete one per week. However, you can complete them in whatever order you choose.

- Week 1: Identify and pronounce the Māori alphabet.
- Week 2: Pronounce long and short vowels and vowel blends.
- Week 3: Identify and pronounce pronouns (you, I, we, us, them).
- Week 4: Pronounce people and place names.
- Week 5: Use greetings and farewells; ask and answer “how are you?”.
- Week 6: Course summary and daily practice.

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Who this programme is for

iReo 1 is designed for:

- Absolute beginners
- Māori living overseas wanting to reconnect with culture and reo
- Families wanting to learn together
- People wanting a respectful and authentic introduction to te reo Māori
- Learners looking for a supportive, non-judgmental environment

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How learning works and what you'll need

- Fully online and self-directed
- 6-week programme, about 30 hours total
- Around 3–5 hours per week
- Learn at your own pace
- Accessible on desktop, tablet, or mobile

You'll have:

- 8 weeks full access to learning materials
- 4 weeks additional read-only access for revision after completion

This is a self-directed course where you'll facilitate your own learning using our online resources. Throughout your study you'll be supported by a kaiāwhina (support person) and join our online learning community.

What You Need / Technical Requirements

Physical Items:

1. Digital device with camera and microphone to attend online events (e.g. a laptop, PC, tablet and/or a smartphone)
2. Headset or earphones (recommended)
3. Reliable broadband internet connection
4. Pen and paper if you wish to write your own notes.

Software:

5. A browser such as Google Chrome, Firefox or Microsoft Edge to access your Digital Classroom
6. Zoom video conferencing application
7. Email - Outlook, Gmail, Yahoo, etc.

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What you'll receive

- You'll receive a certificate of completion after successfully finishing iReo 1.
 - A printable electronic certificate will be emailed to you when you successfully complete the course.
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Pricing

- NZD \$249 (tax included)
- Payment is by Visa or Mastercard credit card in advance. Payments are due at least 8 days prior to the course start date.
- Early bird discounts may be available for selected intakes.

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Transfers, Credits, and Refunds

- Check our Terms & Conditions for full policy details and eligibility criteria.
- Terms and Conditions - Te Wānanga o Aotearoa: <https://tearawai.twoa.ac.nz/w/au/termsandconditions>

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Frequently Asked Questions

Can I access the materials after the course? Yes, all participants have 8 weeks of full access to complete the course plus an additional 4 weeks read-only access to review their learnings.

Are there assessments? No, however there are tasks and quizzes to help test your knowledge. Tasks and quizzes can be repeated as many times as you'd like.

Will I receive a certificate of completion? Yes, certificates will be emailed on successful completion of the course.

Can I register for multiple courses? Yes, you can register for multiple courses. For the best experience, we suggest taking them one at a time rather than all at once.

What support is available? A kaiāwhina (support person) is available via the online community in your digital classroom. The kaiāwhina will answer pātai (questions) asked in the forum. We highly encourage learners to participate in the forum and provide peer-to-peer support to each other too.

For direct enquiries learners can also use our web form: <https://tearawai.twoa.ac.nz/contact-us>

Can I enrol with friends or colleagues? Yes, absolutely! Studying with family, friends, and/or colleagues is highly encouraged.

What if I fall behind? If life gets busy, do not worry. You will have 8 weeks of full access to work through the course at your own pace, plus an extra 4 weeks of read-only access to review your learning. You can pick up where you left off at any time during this period. Our kaiāwhina and online community are also available to support you if you need help getting back on track.

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Contact Information

Te Arawai | Partnerships Team:

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