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Accessibility Advisory Group – Expression of Interest form



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Whakataukī



A whakataukī is a Māori saying that shares an important message.



Kia hiwa rā kia hiwa rā.

Kia kōkiri ake, kia mataara.

He karanga atu ki te ao whānui
ki te ao whaikaha.



Haere mai ōu whakaaro rangatira ki
tēnei kaupapa whakahirahira nau mai
e te iwi e.



Here are the English words of the
whakataukī.



Be watchful, be alert.

Rise up, come forward.



Be counted, be alert.

A call going out to the world, to the
disabled world.



We welcome your chiefly thoughts to
this important discussion.

We welcome all.

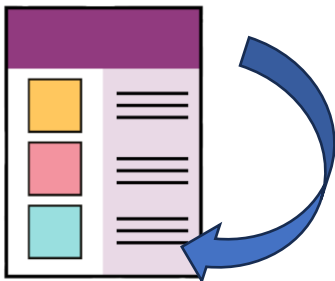
About this Easy Read



This Easy Read is the **Expression of Interest** form for the **Accessibility Advisory Group**.



An **Expression of Interest** is officially saying you would like to do something.



You can read more about what the **Accessibility Advisory Group** is on pages 5 to 10.

This Easy Read is from the **Ministry of Disabled People – Whaikaha**.



The **Ministry of Disabled**

People – Whaikaha works to make things better for disabled people by working with:

- the Government
- the community which includes:
 - disabled people
 - tāngata whaikaha
Māori / Māori disabled people
- businesses.

In this Easy Read when we say **Whaikaha** this means the Ministry of Disabled People – Whaikaha.

Where it says **we / our** this means Whaikaha.

What is the Accessibility Advisory Group?



Members of the Accessibility Advisory Group will give us advice on how to make **accessibility** in Aotearoa New Zealand better.



Accessibility means making sure disabled people can be part of something.

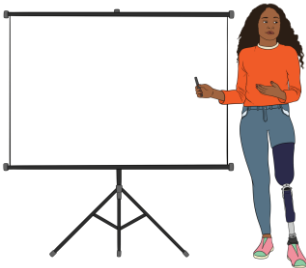


The Accessibility Advisory Group will have 10 people from the disability community in it.



We want the members of the Accessibility Advisory Group to:

- be creative / come up with interesting ideas
- be **strategic thinkers**
- know lots of things about accessibility issues.



A **strategic thinker** is someone who knows:

- what is going on with an issue
- how to make plans
- how to use information to solve problems.





The Accessibility Advisory Group will work together using the **values**:

- mana taurite – equity drives us
- mana kaha – we strengthen and support
- mana tūhura – we explore and learn.



Values are beliefs that people use to decide how to:

- live
- behave
- work.



People who are an important part of this work are:

- tāngata whaikaha Māori / Māori disabled people
- Turi Māori / Māori deaf people.



The Accessibility Advisory Group will do their work using the ideas in **Te Tiriti o Waitangi / The Treaty of Waitangi**.



Te Tiriti o Waitangi / The Treaty of Waitangi is an important agreement between:

- Māori
- and
- the Crown.

The purpose of Te Tiriti is to:

- protect Māori:
 - **rights**
 - taonga / things that are very important to Māori
- keep **peace and order**
- set up government.



Rights are things that the law says every person should:

- have
- be able to do.



Peace and order means following laws / rules.



There is more information about the Accessibility Advisory Group in the Easy Read **Expression of Interest – do you want to join the Accessibility Advisory Group?**

<https://www.whaikaha.govt.nz/aag>

Sending in the form



Please return your filled in form to us by Monday 3 November 2025.



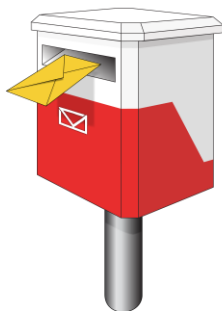
You can send your filled in form by **email** to:

outreach@whaikaha.govt.nz



If you would like to apply using a video recording please send us a link to your video by **email** to:

outreach@whaikaha.govt.nz



You can send your filled in form by **post** to:

**Outreach and Innovation Group
Ministry of Disabled People –
Whaikaha**

Reply Paid: 262204

PO Box 1556

Wellington 6140



You do not need to put a stamp on the envelope.

Extra information



You can add more pages to your application if you need more space for your answers.

Expression of Interest



Name and contact details

Please write your information in the boxes.



My name is:



My email address is:



My phone number is:



I live in this town / city:



Please fill in the box below if you are not a citizen of Aotearoa New Zealand.



My **citizenship** is:



Citizenship means the country you:

- were born in
- or
- have a passport for.

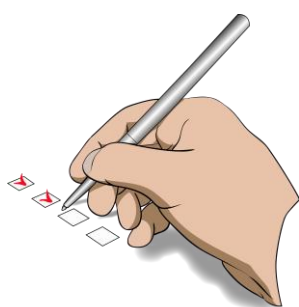


You can become a citizen of another country.

Identity



We want lots of different people for the Accessibility Advisory Group.



Please tick all the boxes in this list that are right for you:

☐ tāngata whaikaha
Māori / whānau hauā / Māori
disabled



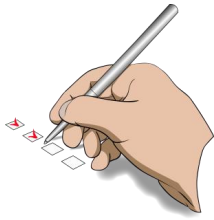
☐ Deaf

☐ Turi Māori / Māori deaf person

☐ disabled person



☐ Pacific disabled person / Pacific
person with a disability.



Please tick all the boxes in this list that are right for you:

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takatāpui /
MVPFAFF+ /
rainbow / LGBTQIA+

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whānau / family of disabled
adult

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whānau / family of disabled child
or children

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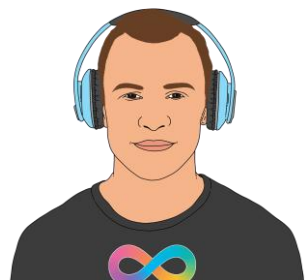
youth / young person

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rangatahi Māori

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disabled older person

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live in a rural area

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neurodivergent

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something else – please write in
the box below:





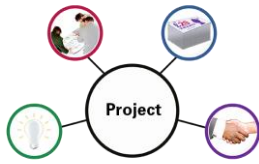
Experience and background

Please write your answer in the box below each question.

What are your:

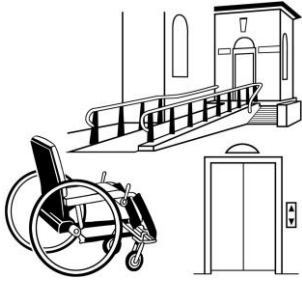


- experiences with accessibility issues
- skills that would be good for the Accessibility Advisory Group?



What accessibility projects have you done?

What accessibility:



- **barriers** do you know about
- and
- solutions have you come up with?

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Here **barrier** means something that stops things from being accessible for disabled people.



How do you make sure accessibility solutions are good for everyone?

What are your:



- disability networks / connections with disabled people
- leadership roles?



What do you know about using
kaupapa Māori to make accessibility
better?



Kaupapa Māori means using all the
parts of Māori:

- knowledge
- skills
- attitudes
- values.

Work experience



In the box below tell us about your:

- qualifications
- work experience
- mahi
- volunteer experience.



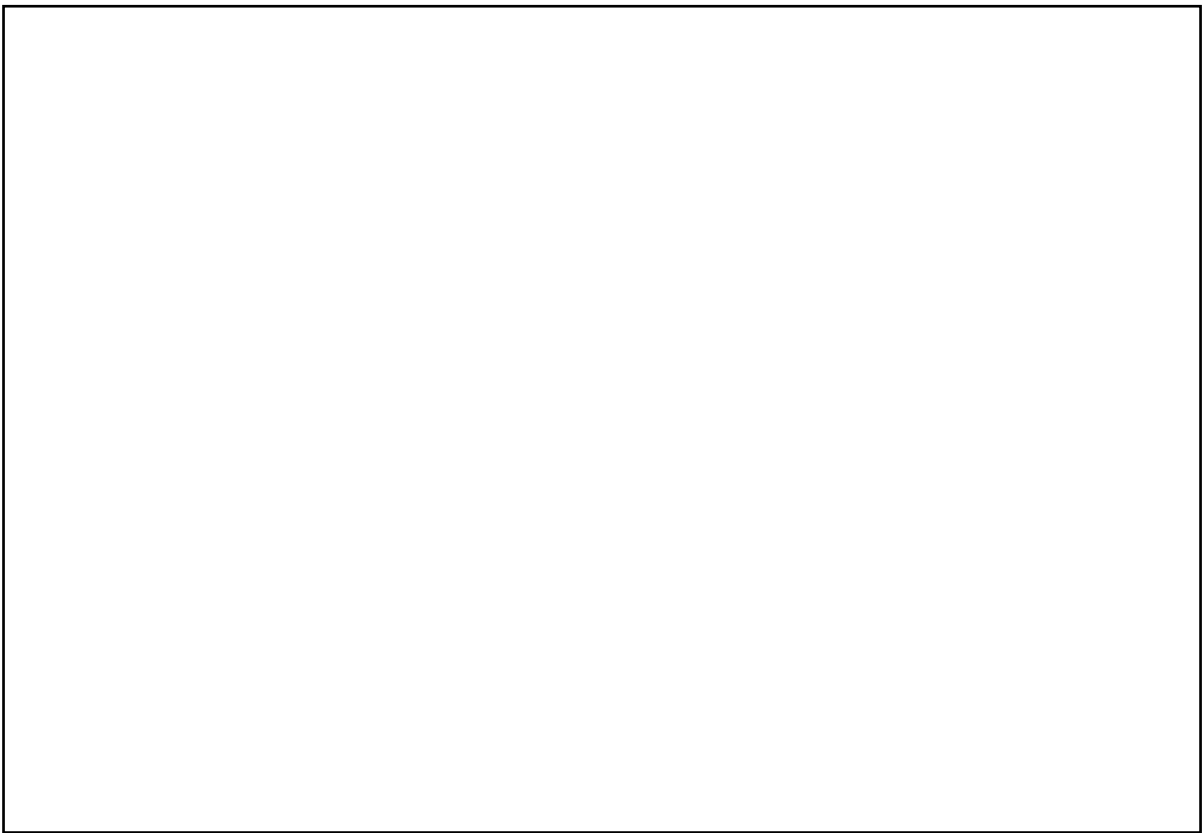


What work have you done on
accessibility for disabled people?

What is your work experience:



- on boards
- in industry groups
- with **public sector** groups?



The **public sector** is the organisations that do work for the Government.



Is there anything we should know about your current:

- roles
- memberships?

Please tell us about:



- any **conflicts of interest** that might happen
- how you might manage conflicts of interest.



A **conflict of interest** is when someone has different things they need to do like:

- their job
- supporting a family member.



Doing different things at the same time can make it hard to make a fair decision.



It is important to tell people about a conflict of interest so things can be kept honest.

Representing an organisation



Most members of the Accessibility Advisory Group will be there as an individual / 1 person.



Please tell us if you would like to represent an organisation.



Tick the box that is right for you:

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Yes – I will represent an organisation

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No – I will be there as an individual / 1 person

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I am not sure.



Please write in the box below:

- which organisation you will represent
- why you would like to represent them.



Referees / people who can support your application

Please write the names of 2 people who can be referees / support your application.

1.

Their name is:



Their organisation / company is:



Our relationship / how I know them is:



Their phone number is:



Their email address is:

2.

Their name is:



Their organisation / company is:

Our relationship / how I know them is:



Their phone number is:



Their email address is:



Availability



Can you do:

- 6 online meetings of 4 hours each

and

- 2 hours of work getting ready for each meeting?



Please tick the box that is right for you:



☐ Yes

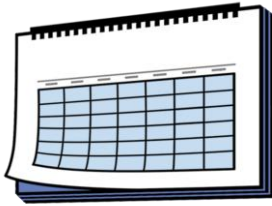
☐ No

☐ I will need to check.

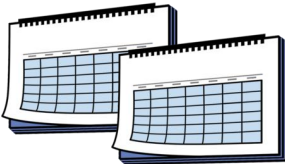


Length of membership

Please tick the box that is right for you:

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I would like to do a 1 year term
for the Accessibility Advisory
Group

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I would like to do a 2 year term
for the Accessibility Advisory
Group

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I have no preference / do not
mind how long my term is.

Support and reasonable accommodations



Please let us know if you need support like:



- NZSL interpreter
- captioning
- note-taker
- meeting assistant.



Please write what support you will need in the box below:

Criminal record



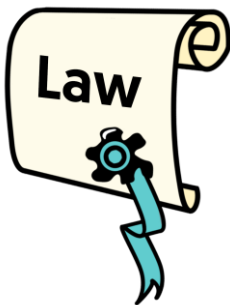
We might ask for your permission to look at information about any **criminal convictions** you may have.



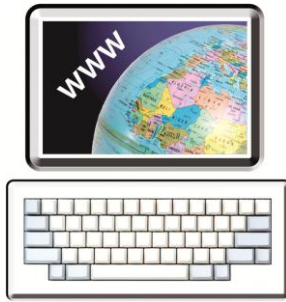
A **criminal conviction** means you have been found guilty by a court of breaking the law.



A criminal conviction might not stop you being on the Accessibility Advisory Group.



We do not need to know about any criminal convictions that come under the rules of the Criminal Records (Clean Slate) Act 2004.



You can find more information about criminal convictions at this **website**:

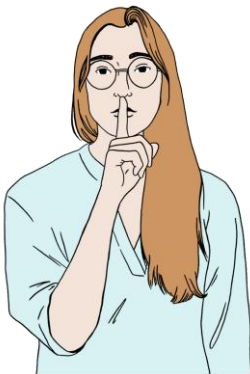
www.justice.govt.nz/criminal-records/

Confirmation



I consent / agree to Whaikaha talking to my referees to ask for information about me.

I understand that the information given by my referees will:



- only be used to think about my application
- be kept confidential / private
- not be shared with me.



I have written in this form about any conflicts of interest I think there might be.



The information about my conflicts of interest is correct as far as I know.

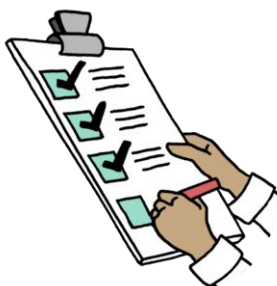


I have told you about my conflicts of interest in good faith / to be honest about them.



I confirm that the information I have given is:

- true
- complete
- correct.



I have given information about everything that may be relevant / useful for Whaikaha to think about my application.



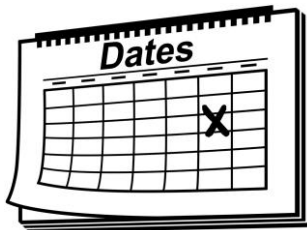
I confirm what I say here is true.



My name is:



My signature is:

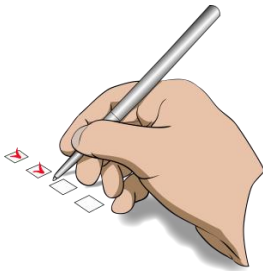


The date I filled in this form is:

Extra information

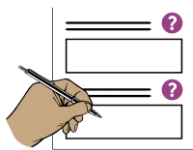


You can include more information.



Tick the boxes that are right for you.

I have included:

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more pages with my answers

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curriculum vitae / CV / resume

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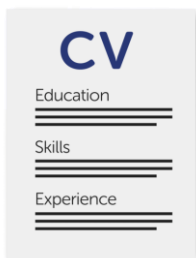
video / other way of applying

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cover letter

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something else – please write
what it is in the box below:



Privacy



We are collecting your personal information from this Expression of Interest to think about you for the Accessibility Advisory Group.



We will not use this information for anything else unless you say we can.

You have the right to ask:



- for a copy of personal information we have about you except from referees
- for the information to be fixed if you think it is wrong.



You can ask about this by **email** at:

privacy@whaikaha.govt.nz



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