

FAQs

Who is the Applicant?

The Applicant is the person who is under 18.

The Applicant is a minor, who can sign on his/her behalf?

According to the Trust Deed for Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei a parent, guardian or grandparent can sign this Membership Application on behalf of Applicants who are under 18 years of age.

However, if a grandparent is registering the Applicant Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei Whai Maia Limited staff will need to contact the parent to confirm the application prior to completing the 'initial check'.

Can the Applicant vote?

No. Only those registered members who are 18 and over can vote in any Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei initiative.

What happens when the applicant turns 18?

A Declaration form will be sent to the Applicant to complete and return. This Declaration form, once received and processed by the Hapū Ora team, will identify the Applicant as an adult member of Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei.

Who is a Guardian?

A child's mother, father, grandparent and other relative or friends, and parents new partner can be a Guardian if appointed by the Family Court. A parent can name a person in their will (or another formal legal document) to be a testamentary guardian if the parent dies. Testamentary guardians automatically become guardians once the parent dies. The guardian must provide proof of guardianship.

Who is considered the 'Key Contact Parent/Guardian or Grandparent'.

For the purposes of this Membership Application, the 'Key Contact Parent/Guardian or Grandparent', is the person:

1. Who is signing this Membership Application on behalf of the Applicant;
2. Who we (Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei, Whai Maia Limited staff) will engage with, where direct communication cannot be had with the Applicant.

What if the Applicant doesn't have a Birth Certificate?

You will need to complete and submit a Statutory Declaration.

What is a Statutory Declaration and how do we go about getting one?

A statutory declaration is a written document that is used to confirm something is true. For the purposes of this Membership Application, the statutory declaration will declare the identity of the Applicant. For example: name, date of birth, birth parent/s name/s etc.

This document must be:

- True and correct. You can be prosecuted if you make a false declaration.
- completed in front of an authorised witness such as a Justice of the Peace, solicitor etc; and

A declaration form, which was taken from www.govt.nz, is included in this Membership Application for you to fill in or you can write it yourself.

This Statutory Declaration needs to be signed by a Justice of the Peace, solicitor, or other person authorized to take a Statutory Declaration.

To find a Justice of the Peace in your area visit the following website: <http://justiceofthepeace.org.nz/>

Where do I send the Membership Application?

Email: register@ngatiwhatuaorakei.com

Post: Membership Application
Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei Trust
PO Box 42 045
Ōrākei, AUCKLAND

Who do I talk to if I've got any further questions?

You can call Whai Maia Limited from 8am - 5pm Monday to Friday, on Freephone 0508 NWORAKEI (0508 69672534) within New Zealand, or on +64 336 1670 if you are calling from overseas to discuss your queries or to make an appointment with a staff member.

