



HERITAGE NEW ZEALAND
POUHERE TAONGA

Applications for entry on the New Zealand Heritage List / Rārangī Kōrero Historic Places and Historic Areas

Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga was established by Act of Parliament in 2014. It operates under the *Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014* and is governed by a Board of Trustees and Māori Heritage Council. Its statutory purpose is to promote the identification, protection, preservation and conservation of the historical and cultural heritage of New Zealand. The national office is in Antrim House, Wellington. Regional and area offices are in Kerikeri, Auckland, Tauranga, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin.

What is the New Zealand Heritage List / Rārangī Kōrero?

The New Zealand Heritage List / Rārangī Kōrero ('the List'), compiled by Heritage New Zealand, is the national schedule of treasured heritage places. It was established in 2014 and operates under the *Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014*. All entries on the Register established under the *Historic Places Act 1993* are deemed to be entries on the List.

What is included on the New Zealand Heritage List / Rārangī Kōrero?

Places may be included on the List if they possess aesthetic, archaeological, architectural, cultural, historical, scientific, social, spiritual, technological or traditional qualities. Individual places become 'historic places'; groups of related places are defined as 'historic areas'. Places of significance to Māori for their ancestral significance and associated cultural and traditional values may be included as wāhi tupuna. Places of sacred significance to Māori may be included as 'wāhi tapu' or 'wāhi tapu areas'. Historic places may be accorded Category 1 status for 'special or outstanding historical or cultural heritage significance or value' or Category 2 for 'historical or cultural heritage significance or value'.

What are the effects of entry on the New Zealand Heritage List / Rārangī Kōrero?

What does entry on the New Zealand Heritage List / Rārangī Kōrero mean?

The List informs owners and the public about New Zealand's heritage places and is a source of information about New Zealand's heritage places for the purposes of the *Resource Management Act 1991*. When the Board confirms an entry on the List, information identifying the place is included on the List. Other information, such as its history or a significance assessment, may be made available on the Heritage New Zealand website www.heritage.org.nz.

Does entry on the New Zealand Heritage List / Rārangī Kōrero provide protection?

Protection is not automatic or guaranteed, but Councils are required to take the List into account when developing Regional and District Plans. Councils are required, in certain circumstances, to notify Heritage New Zealand as an affected party to resource consent applications involving places entered on the List. Heritage New Zealand notification is also required when issuing Project Information Memoranda (PIMs) which are related to the building consent process. Heritage New Zealand is therefore involved in the decision-making process when developments affecting heritage sites are under consideration.

How are Places and Areas included on the New Zealand Heritage List / Rārangī Kōrero?**Who can apply?**

Anyone can apply to have a place or area of heritage significance entered on the List. Applications must be made on the official application form.

What happens next?

When your application is received, staff will assess it against set criteria. They may contact you for more information. They then decide whether the place is a good candidate for entry on the List. You are advised of that decision in writing.

How long will it take?

Assessment can take time. The speed with which your application is handled depends on the priority it is given by your regional office. Contact your regional or area office for current timeframes and priorities.

Are all applications accepted?

Applying for entry on the List is about identifying heritage value and providing supporting evidence. Applications will be declined if evidence to support claims is not sufficient or if the place is not of the significance required to qualify. Declined applications will not be reconsidered unless substantial new information is provided. Heritage New Zealand will reject any application that is vexatious, frivolous, or not in good faith.

What if my application is successful?

Successful applications enter the process for entry on the List. This can take some time. Normally entries on the List are resolved in a single financial year but this may vary depending on the circumstances in each case. The process is open and consultative; public comment is invited. After the formal public consultation, the Board makes its final decision.

For Help

Please contact your regional or area Heritage New Zealand office.