# MTS Production Schedule Template / Kai Tiaki Reo Definition

(26 Episode Series)

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Kaitiaki reo me ō tikanga = Māori language and tikanga consultant.

Māori Television strongly recommends that the Māori Language Consultant be part of all stages of production.

- From pre-production assisting with scripts, question lines, protocols and customs which may arise throughout the making of the programme or series.
- Te Kaitiaki Reo should also be used to assist the production crew with interviews and broader cultural issues in the field, i.e. whakatau, pōwhiri, karakia, waiata, whaikorero etc.
- During the post production phase the Māori Language Consultant is required to ensure delivery of voice over scripts and presenter links as well as accurate depiction of tikanga Māori to a standard acceptable to Māori Television.
We are mindful that it’s not feasible to have ‘Te Kaitiaki Reo’ involved with all days of production but we do emphasise the need for the Kaitiaki Reo to be responsible for all Māori Language and tikanga related content of all programmes. This will have a huge impact on the delivery of the quality and quantity of Te Reo me ngā tikanga within a programme. All Kaitiaki will be required to have a high degree of language expertise and be approved by Māori Television.

Te Taura Whiri and Te Māngai Pāho have a list of certified translators that Māori Television endorses and encourages all production houses to use.

While it is not a requirement, personnel and crew members of all production houses working on programmes for Māori Television are encouraged to use and practise Te Reo at every opportunity, and, it is recommended that all personnel involved with a Māori Television programme have an understanding of Te Reo me ngā tikanga.

It is a requirement that all presenters and narrators are of high fluency and pre-approved by Māori Television.

It is our intention to work with our production community to ensure the existence of the critical awareness required to enhance the development and growth both on and off screen of Te Reo Māori me ngā tikanga.