

New Zealand Government

MSD Specialist Standard: Iwi Social Services

Level 1

From time to time, under part VIII of The Children Young People and Their Families Act 1989 (CYP&FA) the Ministry of Social Development (MSD) approves an incorporated body established by an Iwi, as an Iwi Authority (Iwi Social Service) for the purposes of the CYP&FA.

Under section 402 of the CYP&FA the Convenor of an Iwi Social Service may exercise the powers and duties in respect of a child or young person conferred or imposed on the Iwi Social Service under the CYP&FA.

A holder of an Iwi Social Service status must also meet the Social Sector Accreditation Standards, and any relevant specialist standards, for the services delivered under MSD Approvals Policy.

Iwi Social Service

The organisation ensures it meets all requirements to operate as an Iwi Social Service.

1. Agreement from iwi to operate an Iwi Social Service

Guidance

An Iwi Social Service has a mandate from its iwi to operate a social service to children and young people.

This may be evidenced by:

- a formal, written mandate from the Iwi Social Service's own Iwi Authority.

2. Appointment of a convenor

Guidance

An Iwi Social Service must appoint a convenor to meet the requirements of the Children, Young Persons, and their Families Act 1989.

This may be evidenced by:

- minutes of governance meeting appointing a named convenor
- an organisational structure chart indicating convenor
- confirmation of appointment by delegated iwi authorities and/or acceptance of the appointment by the convenor
- position description of a convenor

The following documents must state the designation as convenor:

- convenor's position description
- convenor's employment contract