

Iti Kōpara

Public Governance Aotearoa

Enhancing governance capability in the public sector.

Equipping Board members and aspiring applicants to lead modern Crown entities and purposeful Crown entity Boards.

About Iti Kōpara

Iti Kōpara | Public Governance Aotearoa is an independent registered charitable trust established by a group of experienced public sector directors. Courses have been designed in collaboration and with support from Te Kawa Mataaho | Public Service Commission, New Zealand Government Ministries and agencies including The Treasury, MBIE and the Ministry for Regulation. Support has also been received from JR McKenzie Trust and Te Herenga Waka | Victoria University of Wellington.

Our kaupapa is the pursuit of public governance excellence.

We develop and deliver competency development and refresher training for public sector governance Boards.

A suite of courses

The courses complement each other. We recommend you choose several courses to meet your governance development needs.

Guest practitioners

The courses are facilitated by experienced Crown entity governors and incorporate highly regarded guest practitioners drawing heavily on their real world experience.

Guests have included: Lyn Provost, Hon Chris Finlayson, John Ryan, Rodger Finlay, Robin Hapi, Gaye Searancke, David Nalder, Hon Steve Maharey, Sir Bill English, Lil Anderson, Denise Church, Vicky Robertson, Paul James, Prof Paul Spoonley and the late Dame Karen Poutasi.



Mā te kahukura ka rere te manu Crown Entity Governance

Our flagship offering, highly regarded and now condensed so that you can build a suite of courses to meet your needs. Specific focus on Crown entity governance and the complexities which arise from the political context, the accountabilities within the broader machinery of government, and the particular functions, objectives and status of the broad range of entities covered by the Crown Entities Act.

A practitioner-led course for existing Crown entity directors and people aspiring to a role. A small number of places are reserved for senior leaders in the non-profit sector. We recommend this as a starting point for your governance training.

13-14 May, 17-18 August 2026

2 days

\$2,500 plus GST

Wellington

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Webinar

Pre-requisite for Mā te kahukura ka rere te manu

An introduction to some of the unique features of state sector governance.

The topics have been agreed with Te Kawa Mataaho | the Public Service Commission and are based on 2026 updates to its Crown entity director induction materials, including the 'It Takes Three' monitoring model and conflicts of interest. All in-person courses will assume knowledge from the webinar. The Crown Entity Governance course will extend on the webinar content.

29 April, 1 July, 13 October 2026

2 hours

Included in your course fee

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Rongo ki tai

Strategic Financial Governance

New Zealand's public sector is operating in an increasingly constrained fiscal environment, with increased scrutiny on how public resources are allocated and managed. The Government has emphasised the need for stronger investment discipline and more effective use of the Crown's balance sheet. The Public Service Commission, Treasury, the Audit Office, and the current Government expect Crown entities to strengthen their strategic financial management, ensuring clearer alignment between long-term strategy, funding decisions, and the delivery of measurable public value. This course will build your skills and confidence to fulfil these expectations.

The Board of a Crown entity is responsible for ensuring that finances are managed strategically to achieve specific impacts, outcomes, or objectives.

The course is for both existing and aspiring Board directors of Crown entities and Crown entity companies to enhance their skills and knowledge in exercising strategic financial governance of their organisation's strategy and outcomes. Join us to improve your decision making through understanding accountabilities, performance, and effective use of financial resources

It has been developed in collaboration with the Public Service Commission | Te Kawa Mataaho and Treasury.

3 September, 10 November 2026

1 day	\$1,600 plus GST	Wellington
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Rongo ki te hau

Regulatory Leadership

Governance and leadership of a regulator need to be intentional, direct and informed. This industry-endorsed course is designed for Board directors and executive leaders of Crown entities, government ministries and departments, and statutory bodies with regulatory functions, obligations, and powers.

The course focuses on governing and leading a regulator in the public sector. Board directors and leaders of other types of organisations (i.e. incorporated societies) with regulatory or quasi-regulatory functions, powers and obligations are welcome to attend but should be cognisant of the public sector focus.

A well-informed Board needs to understand its ever-evolving regulatory landscape. This course will help you understand the core responsibilities and areas of attention that Board members and leaders need to focus on to provide effective regulatory governance and leadership.

10-11 June, 19-20 October 2026

2 days	\$2,500 plus GST	Wellington
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