

Learner FAQs

Who is this module aimed at?

This module is suitable for all healthcare workers, and particularly Kaiāwhina with experience in public health. Employees will need to work with their employer to ensure suitability for training.

Is this module a credential?

The module is one element of the three-part training process, which also includes practical training and a practical assessment. On its own, it's not a formal credential.

What do I get on completion?

You will receive evidence that you have completed the COVID-19 swabbing module through the Ministry's LearnOnline platform. Once you complete the module it means you should have the base knowledge to then complete practical training and assessment which will be conducted by your employer.

Is the resource free for me?

Yes, this resource is free for you.

After I have completed the training module am I able to conduct swabbing straight away?

No, the module is the first step which covers foundation knowledge to prepare you for COVID-19 swabbing. Practical training and the assessment must be conducted by your employer.

If I'm part of the Kaiāwhina workforce, can I independently administer swabbing after completing the module, practical training and practical assessment?

No. Based on general practice in the health and disability sector, Kaiāwhina can only conduct COVID-19 swabbing under the supervision of a registered health practitioner such as a GP or nurse.

Is this module compulsory across New Zealand?

No, this is an optional resource. Your employer will let you know if this is something they wish for you to complete as part of your training to undertake the task of COVID-19 swabbing.

What does this mean for nurses?

It means there will be additional workforces to support COVID-19 swabbing and testing, freeing up registered nurses.

Does it replace or change existing training processes?

No, it does not replace or change any existing training processes. It is an additional optional resource that your employer can use to help prepare you for your practical training and practical assessment.

Does my employer get access to the module?

Your employer will have access to see what the swabbing module looks like from a learner's point of view through the Ministry's LearnOnline platform through their profile.