



Ako Aotearoa Digital Badging FAQ

What is a digital badge?

Ako Aotearoa awards digital badges to show achievement and competency for those who complete a Professional Learning and Development (PLD) course with us. A badge is a digital image loaded with important information about the learning that has taken place, including what the badge means, who received it, and who issued it.

How do badges benefit me?

Badges can help educators and others by providing a durable and shareable record of PLD. You can also use a collection of badges to map out what you have achieved over time.

Ako Aotearoa badges are beneficial as they show that you are current in your knowledge and practice in adult literacy, numeracy, and cultural capability.

What badges can I earn at Ako Aotearoa?

Ako Aotearoa currently offers badges as part of our [Professional Learning and Development programme](#).

Are badges qualifications?

Digital badges are not NZQA qualifications, but they are a kind of shareable digital credential. Our digital badges correspond to the learning outcomes of the PLD course you have completed. Digital badges complement NZQA qualifications, like the NZCATT and NZCALNE (Voc), for example.

How do I receive my badges?

Ako Aotearoa issues badges when you have successfully completed the relevant PLD course.

We will email you a link to your digital badge with instructions on how to store and share it.

How do I store my badges?

We currently work with a platform called [Badgr](#). There are other platforms you can use, but Badgr makes it really easy to set up and store your badges in a [Badgr backpack](#).

How do I use the Badgr backpack?

We recommend that you use the Badgr website to access your badges.

To do this you need to do the following:

- » Sign up for an account on the [Badgr website](#)
- » Make sure that the 'Select a Badgr Region' option is set to United States (Ako badges are stored on the US server)
- » Select 'Save and Continue'
- » Enter your email and create a password
You should then be able to see all your badges.

How do I share my badges?

Digital badges are [designed for sharing](#). You can do this via email, social media platforms, including LinkedIn and Facebook, or on your CV. You may wish to share your achievements with:

- » your manager
- » a potential employer
- » colleagues
- » a professional network.

Sharing your achievements in this way helps others understand your achievements, how you have developed in your role, and that you are engaged in ongoing PLD.

How can I change my email address on the badges?

If you need to change or add an email address to your account, follow the instructions on the [Badgr website](#).

For more information, visit the [Ako Aotearoa website](#).