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**PSYCHOLOGY**  
**Explain the neurological bases of  
behaviour**

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<b>level:</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>credit:</b>	<b>4</b>
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<b>expiry date:</b>	December 2009
<b>sub-field:</b>	Social Science Studies
<b>purpose:</b>	People credited with this unit standard are able to identify gross neuroanatomy and explain brain functions, and explain the structure and functions of the neuron.
<b>entry information:</b>	Open.
<b>accreditation option:</b>	Evaluation of documentation by NZQA.
<b>moderation option:</b>	A centrally established and directed national moderation system has been set up by NZQA.
<b>special notes:</b>	Material researched to meet the requirements of element 1 must be published and available in the public arena.

## **Elements and Performance Criteria**

### **element 1**

Identify gross neuroanatomy and explain brain functions.

#### **performance criteria**

- 1.1 Major human brain structures are identified and located on a diagram.
- 1.2 Brain functions are identified and linked with associated brain structures.

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- 1.3 Evidence from one published case study or research document, quoted and referenced, shows the possible relationship between brain anatomy and human behaviour.

**element 2**

Explain the structure and functions of the neuron.

**performance criteria**

- 2.1 Structure of the neuron is identified.
- 2.2 Functions of the neuron are described.
- 2.3 One practical example, such as synaptic transmission or neural impulse, is used to explain the effect of neural activity on behaviour.

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