Title | Demonstrate knowledge of the legislative framework and agencies relevant to drinking-water supply
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Level | 3
Credits | 5

**Purpose**
People credited with this unit standard are able to describe: the framework of government in New Zealand; the Ministry of Health strategy for drinking-water; and the implications of legislation for drinking-water operators.

**Classification**
Water Industry > Water Treatment

**Available grade**
Achieved

**Explanatory notes**

**Outcomes and evidence requirements**

**Outcome 1**
Describe the framework of government in New Zealand.

**Evidence requirements**
1.1 The framework of government in New Zealand is described in terms of making and enforcing laws, bylaws, regulations, and standards relevant to the drinking-water supply industry.

Range | the Crown, Prime Minister and Cabinet, Parliament, Acts, Ministries, Local Authorities, Courts.

1.2 Central, regional, and local government agencies relevant to drinking-water supply are described in terms of their functions and responsibilities.

Range | Authorities – District Health Board, public health services, Ministry for the Environment, Ministry of Health, Regional Councils, City and District Councils, Environment Court.
**Outcome 2**

Describe the Ministry of Health strategy for drinking-water.

**Evidence requirements**

2.1 The components of the Ministry of Health strategy for drinking-water are described as defined in the Health Act 1956, and their location, purpose, and general content and are explained.

Range includes but is not limited to – register of drinking-water supplies, water safety plans, drinking water assessors, types of water supplies.

2.2 The functions of the *Drinking-Water Standards for New Zealand* are explained as they relate to the Ministry of Health strategy.

Range maximum acceptable values (MAVs), compliance criteria and reporting requirements, remedial actions.

2.3 Water Safety Plans (WSPs) are described in terms of their role in drinking-water supply risk management.

Range includes but is not limited to risk – identification, assessment, mitigation, management, improvement.

2.4 Drinking-water assessors are described in terms of their statutory obligations.

**Outcome 3**

Describe the implications of legislation for drinking-water operators.

**Evidence requirements**

3.1 The Resource Management Act 1991 is described in terms of location, purpose, reporting procedures and conditions of consents.

3.2 Legislation is described in terms of the consequences of non-compliance.


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**Replacement information**

This unit standard and unit standard 24916 replaced unit standard 17875.
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Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference

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Comments on this unit standard

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