

Title	Demonstrate understanding of current events for journalism		
Level	2	Credits	4

Purpose	<p>This unit standard is at an introductory level and is for students who may be interested in pursuing a career in journalism.</p> <p>People credited with this unit standard are able to: demonstrate understanding of significant national and international people and events in the news within the past year, and of a significant ongoing issue.</p>
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Classification	Journalism > Preliminary Journalism Skills
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Available grade	Achieved
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Entry information	
Recommended skills and knowledge	Unit 27610, <i>Demonstrate basic understanding of news stories and the role of journalists.</i>

Explanatory notes

- 1 This unit standard is for use at an introductory level, not as part of a professional journalism course.
- 2 Definitions
 - *significant ongoing issues* refer to events of New Zealand and/or world significance, and may include earthquakes, scientific discoveries, political decisions, sports events, revolutions;
 - *significant national and international people and events* refer to people of New Zealand and world significance, and may include prime ministers, presidents, governors-general, politicians, business people, scientists, actors, artists, athletes;
 - *newsworthiness* refers to events of sufficient interest or importance to the public to warrant reporting in the media.

Outcomes and evidence requirements

Outcome 1

Demonstrate understanding of significant national and international people and events in the news within the past year.

Evidence requirements

- 1.1 Significant national and international people are identified, their roles described, and a news event in which they are involved is recorded.

Range evidence is required for ten people of which at least five must be international.

- 1.2 Significant national and international news events are identified, the context for each event is described and their newsworthiness explained.

Range evidence is required for ten events of which at least five must be international.

Outcome 2

Demonstrate understanding of a significant ongoing issue.

Evidence requirements

- 2.1 A significant ongoing issue is identified and described and its newsworthiness is explained.

Range evidence must be gathered and maintained over a period of 12 weeks with a final summary of 500 to 600 words.

Replacement information	This unit standard replaced unit standard 10818
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Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

Process	Version	Date	Last Date for Assessment
Registration	1	19 January 2012	N/A

Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference	0002
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This CMR can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

Please note

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Requirements for consent to assess and an outline of the moderation system that applies to this standard are outlined in the Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR). The CMR also includes useful information about special requirements for organisations wishing to develop education and training programmes, such as minimum qualifications for tutors and assessors, and special resource requirements.

Comments on this unit standard

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