

Title	Explain concepts of democracy and government in a New Zealand context		
Level	2	Credits	4

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to explain concepts of democracy and government in a New Zealand context.
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Classification	Social Science Studies > Legal Studies
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Available grade	Achieved, Merit, and Excellence
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Criteria for Merit	<p>The explanation of two concepts of democracy and government is demonstrated by selecting and applying actual example(s) and applying relevant supporting detail that may include but is not limited to any one of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • case studies; • statistics; • news media reports.
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Criteria for Excellence	<p>The fully developed explanation of two concepts of democracy and government is demonstrated by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • referring to actual examples; • selecting and applying a range of relevant supporting detail; • communicating clear conclusions.
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Guidance Information

- 1 Teaching and learning guidelines that inform legal studies as it is taught in New Zealand can be found at <http://seniorsecondary.tki.org.nz/Social-sciences/Legal-studies>. Assessment support material for these standards can be found at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/legalstudies>.

This unit standard can be awarded with an Achieved, Merit, or Excellence grade. For the Achieved grade to be awarded, all outcomes must be achieved as specified in the outcome statement(s). For Merit or Excellence grades to be awarded, the candidate must meet the Merit or Excellence criteria specified above.

2 Definitions

Actual example(s) refer(s) to actual events from New Zealand or overseas, past or present.

Fully developed refers to being accurate, detailed, and well researched.

News media refers to factual reporting and journalistic narratives in print media, broadcast media and the Internet.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Explain concepts of democracy and government in a New Zealand context.

Performance criteria

1.1 Two concepts of democracy and government are explained, with actual example(s), in relation to aspects of governance.

Range concepts of democracy and government may include two from but are not limited to – rule of law, separation of powers, liberal democracy, rights and their limitations, constitutional sovereignty; aspects of governance may include but are not limited to – Magna Carta and limits on the power of the monarch, relationship between tangata whenua and the Crown as regards te Tiriti o Waitangi, parliamentary sovereignty and statute as highest form of law, absence of a fully written constitution, role of the courts, delegated legislation.

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This CMR can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

Comments on this unit standard

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