

Title	Evaluate a law making process in relation to a significant legal issue		
Level	3	Credits	4

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to evaluate a law making process in relation to a significant legal issue.
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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>In-depth evaluation of the aspect(s) of the law making process that prompted debate or disagreement is demonstrated by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • discussing one strength and one weakness of the law making process; • selecting and applying relevant supporting detail; • discussing a range of different viewpoints about the law making process.
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Criteria for Excellence	<p>Comprehensive evaluation of the aspect(s) of the law making process that prompted debate or disagreement is demonstrated by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • assessing the validity of differing viewpoints; • selecting and applying a range of relevant supporting detail • considering actual and/or possible consequences: consequences may be for any one of, but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - future law making; - societal development; - civic engagement; - economic development; - environmental development; - justifying 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

Significant legal issue is a matter over which there is debate or disagreement which derives from a law making process at local, national or international level. Examples of significant legal issues include: resource consent process in New Zealand, historical land claim issues, legislation passed under urgency, Waitangi Tribunal settlements, impacts of free trade agreements on domestic policy, and U.N Security Council resolutions.

Tikanga is the right or correct way of doing things within Māori society. It is a system comprised of practice, principles, process and procedures, and traditional knowledge. Tikanga encompasses Māori law. It provides processes for dispute resolution, prescribes authority for decision-making (and constraints on that authority) and has distinctive mechanisms for enforcement and remedy.

Viewpoints represent the opinions of individuals, organisations, governments or commentators. Viewpoints can derive from a variety of sources including media, social media, textbook sources.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Evaluate a law making process in relation to a significant legal issue.

Performance criteria

1.1 Aspect(s) of the law making process that prompted debate or disagreement are evaluated, with supporting detail, in relation to the significant legal issue.

Range includes one of – legislative process, judge-made law, the law reform process, tikanga Māori (customary law), law from tradition or religion, legal recognition of Te Tiriti o Waitangi; supporting detail includes – background, relevant names, dates, describing one strength and one weakness of the process.

1.2 Different viewpoints are compared in relation to the application of the law making process to the significant legal issue.

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Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference

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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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