

Title	Describe New Zealand's system of government and the process for forming a government		
Level	1	Credits	4

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to describe New Zealand's system of government and the process for forming a government.
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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 description of New Zealand's system of government and the process for forming a government is demonstrated by selecting and applying relevant supporting detail that may include but is not limited to any one of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • particular facts and legislation; • past or present events or processes from New Zealand and overseas; • case law; • news media reports.
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Criteria for Excellence	<p>The description of New Zealand's system of government and the process for forming a government is demonstrated by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • referring to an actual example of a coalition to show how Government is formed under MMP; • selecting a range of relevant supporting detail; • drawing 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

MMP means Mixed Member Proportional in the New Zealand context.

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

Parliamentary system is a model of government in which the executive is drawn from, and is accountable to, a parliament.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Describe New Zealand's system of government and the process for forming a government.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 New Zealand's system of government is described in terms of the current voting system, the subsequent process and participants involved in the formation of a government, and the parliamentary system of government, in New Zealand.

Range key elements of the MMP voting system and the parliamentary system of government, which may include but are not limited to – one house, several parties, cabinet, Governor General; the role and authority of the main participants in its formation.

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Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

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Review	3	2 March 2023	N/A

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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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