

Title	Explain systems for the formation of central government in a New Zealand context		
Level	2	Credits	4

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to explain systems for the formation of central 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 systems for the formation of central government is demonstrated by selecting 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; • clearly explaining differing viewpoints.
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Criteria for Excellence	<p>The fully developed explanation of two systems for the formation of central government is demonstrated by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • discussing differing viewpoints by referring to one actual example of each system; • selecting and applying a range of relevant supporting detail; • communicating clear conclusions.
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Guidance Information

- 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) refers to an actual event from New Zealand or overseas, past or present.

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

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.

Viewpoints represent the opinions of individuals, organisations, governments or commentators. Viewpoints can derive from a variety of sources including media, social media, textbook sources. *Differing viewpoints* refers to such viewpoints as the dissenting, minority, or alternative viewpoints of involved parties or external commentators.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Explain systems for the formation of central government in a New Zealand context.

Performance criteria

1.1 Two systems of central government and the process for their formation are explained, with supporting detail, in terms of one or more key element(s).

Range MMP and one other system;
key elements include – electoral process; subsequent formation of a government; parliamentary system; constitutional framework;
supporting detail includes – background, relevant names, dates, identifying differing viewpoints.

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Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

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Review	2	23 November 2017	31 December 2024
Review	3	2 March 2023	N/A

Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference	0226
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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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