

<b>Title</b>	<b>Describe a social institution</b>		
<b>Level</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>4</b>

<b>Purpose</b>	People credited with this unit standard are able to describe a social institution.
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<b>Classification</b>	Social Science Studies > Sociology
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<b>Available grade</b>	Achieved, Merit and Excellence
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<b>Criteria for Merit</b>	Describe a social institution in detail.
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<b>Criteria for Excellence</b>	Comprehensively describe a social institution.
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### Guidance Information

- 1 Sociology is the rigorous and methodical study of society. Sociologists investigate the structure of groups, organisations, and societies, and how people interact in these contexts.
- 2 This unit standard can be awarded with an *Achieved*, *Merit*, or *Excellence* grade as specified below.

*Describe a social institution* means to identify key characteristics of the social institution, and describe the social institution in terms of its influence on individuals and on society. The description could include a consideration of Māori and/or Pasifika context(s).

*Describe a social institution in detail* means to support the description with relevant detail, such as: aspects of the institutions structure and organisation, and the various people, processes and structures involved in maintaining the institution. The description should be supported with appropriate evidence and examples.

*Comprehensively describe a social institution* means to describe the role norms and values play in maintaining/reproducing the social institution. The description must be supported with a range of appropriate evidence and examples.

### 3 Definition

A *social institution* organises the basic areas of social life and contributes to complex integrated sets of norms and values, which are reproduced through institutions such as (but not limited to): family and kinship, government, law and order, economy, education, media, health, and religion.

- 4 Assessment support material related to this unit standard can be found at <https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/providers-partners/assessment-and-moderation-of-standards/assessment-of-standards/assessment-support-material/>.

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## Outcomes and performance criteria

### Outcome 1

Describe a social institution.

### Performance criteria

- 1.1 Key characteristics of the social institution are identified.
- 1.2 The social institution is described in terms of its influence on individuals and on society.

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<b>Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference</b>	0226
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This CMR can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

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### Comments on this unit standard

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