



NZQA Assessment Support Material

Unit standard	27841				
Title	Demonstrate understanding of concepts of law				
Level	1	Credits	4	Version	2

Student guidelines

Introduction

In this assessment, you are required to demonstrate your understanding of concepts of law, through describing the reasons for law and characteristics of an effective law.

Reasons for the development of laws must include three from – resolving conflict, regulating social relationships, maintaining order, protecting persons and property, promoting equity, ensuring the protection of human rights. Characteristics of an effective law must include two from – enforceable, recognised, and unambiguous.

AWARD OF GRADES



- For award with **Achieved**, concepts of law are described in relation to the reasons for developing laws and the characteristics of an effective law.
- For award with **Merit**, the description includes an example of a law and makes a connection(s) between: the reasons for the development of the law, and the characteristics and effectiveness of the law.
- For award with **Excellence**, the description demonstrates an insightful understanding of the connection(s) between: the reasons for the development of the law, and the characteristics and effectiveness of the law.

CONDITIONS OF ASSESSMENT

Assessors will set the conditions of assessment as appropriate.

Assessment Activity

Task One

For this task, you must describe **three reasons for the development of laws**.

- First circle the 3 reasons for the development of laws that you will go on to describe:

resolving conflict	protecting persons and property
regulating social relationships	promoting equity
maintaining order	ensuring the protection of human rights

- Now write a detailed description of each reason, and include an example of a law for each reason.

Task Two

For this task, you must describe **two characteristics of an effective law**.

- First circle the 2 characteristics of an effective law that you will go on to describe further:

Enforceable
Recognised
Unambiguous

- Now write a detailed description of both your chosen characteristics and include an example of a law for each characteristic.



Task Three (for Merit and Excellence)

For this task describe **connections** between the reasons you wrote about in Task One with the characteristics you wrote about in Task Two. For example, you can do this by:

- extending one of your law examples in Task One to show a Task Two characteristic; and/or
- describing an example of a law which shows both a reason and a characteristic; and/or
- describing how reasons and characteristics might be related to each other and the effectiveness of the law.