



NZQA Assessment Support Material

Unit standard	27851				
Title	Explain systems for the formation of central government, and their consequences in a New Zealand context				
Level	2	Credits	4	Version	2

Student guidelines

Introduction

This assessment task requires you to explain systems for the formation of central government and the consequences in a New Zealand context.

You will be assessed on your ability to explain systems for the formation of central government, and compare them, with supporting material, in relation to their key elements.

AWARD OF GRADES

- For award with **Achieved**, systems for the formation of central government are explained and compared, with supporting detail, in terms of their key element(s). Key elements include – electoral process, subsequent formation of a government, parliamentary system.
- For award with **Merit**, the explanation of the systems of central government formation is developed by including relevant supporting detail:
 - the impact of the different approaches to formation of government on democracy in New Zealand; and
 - describing strength(s) and weakness(es) for each approach to the formation of government; and
 - describing differing viewpoints.



AWARD OF GRADES - CONTINUATION



- For award with **Excellence**, the explanation of systems of central government formation and their operation is fully developed by discussing how the systems of government in New Zealand and their operation are influenced by their formation, with reference to a specific example.

CONDITIONS OF ASSESSMENT

Assessors will set the conditions of assessment as appropriate.

Assessment Activity

Task One

1. Explain, with reference to the 1993 election, the First Past the Post (FPP) voting system as used in New Zealand, and with reference to the 1996 election, the Mixed Member Proportional (MMP) voting system as used in New Zealand.
2. Compare the different systems, with supporting material, in relation to their key elements.

Task Two

1. Explain, with reference to the 1993 election, the First Past the Post (FPP) election and subsequent formation of government, including relevant supporting detail: the impact of the different approaches to formation of government on democracy in New Zealand; and describing a strength and weakness for each approach to the formation of government; and describing different viewpoints.
2. Explain, with reference to the 1996 election, the Mixed Member Proportional (MMP) election and subsequent formation of government, including relevant supporting detail: the impact of the different approaches to formation of government on democracy in New Zealand; and describing a strength and weakness for each approach to the formation of government; and describing different viewpoints.

Task Three

1. Using the 1993 and 1996 elections as an example, discuss how the FPP and MMP voting systems and subsequent systems of government and its operation were influenced by its formation.

Resource requirements

There are no specific resource requirements for this standard.