

Title	Demonstrate understanding of the effect of life stages on personal income		
Level	1	Credits	3

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to demonstrate understanding of the effects of life stage on personal income.
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Classification	Core Generic > Financial Capability
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Available grade	Achieved, Merit, and Excellence
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Criteria for Merit	<i>Detailed understanding</i> of the effect of life stage factors on personal income sources explains why personal income varies at different life stages.
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Criteria for Excellence	<i>Comprehensive understanding</i> of the effect of life stage factors on personal income includes the potential benefits of planning for changes in income at different life stages.
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Guidance Information

1 This unit standard can be awarded with *Achieved*, *Merit*, or *Excellence*. For the *Achieved* grade to be awarded, the outcome must be achieved as specified in the outcome statement. For *Merit* or *Excellence* to be awarded, the candidate must meet the *Merit* or *Excellence* criteria specified above.

2 Definitions

Income refers to income sources and levels of income.

Earned income is the sum of all wages, salaries, profits, commission, fees, and other forms of earning received from work, in a given period of time.

Unearned income is the income that is not a salary or a wage. It includes government financial support, interest, dividends, or capital gains from investments, rent from land or property ownership, and any other form of income that does not derive from work.

3 References

Commission for Financial Capability – <https://www.cffc.govt.nz/>;

KiwiSaver – <https://www.ird.govt.nz/KiwiSaver>;

Inland Revenue – <https://www.ird.govt.nz/>;

Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment – <https://www.mbie.govt.nz/>;

Sorted: Your Independent Money Guide - - <https://www.sorted.org.nz/>;

Work and Income – <https://www.workandincome.govt.nz/>;

StudyLink – <https://www.studylink.govt.nz/>.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Demonstrate understanding of the effect of life stages on personal income.

Range life stages may include – post secondary and early career years, family and career building years, pre-retirement years, retirement years.

Performance criteria

1.1 Possible income sources at different life stages are identified.

Range earned income, unearned income.

1.2 factors that apply at different life stages are described in terms of their effect on personal income.

Range factors may include – age, relationship status, household size, employment situation, access to government financial support, tax implications.

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This CMR can be accessed at <https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

Comments on this unit standard

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