

<b>Title</b>	<b>Describe the application of New Zealand law to personal relationships</b>		
<b>Level</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>3</b>

<b>Purpose</b>	People credited with this unit standard are able to describe the legal implications of entering into relationships, and legal processes for, and consequences of, terminating relationships.
----------------	--

<b>Classification</b>	Social Science Studies > Legal Studies
-----------------------	--

<b>Available grade</b>	Achieved
------------------------	----------

---

### Guidance Information

- 1 Legislation relevant to this unit standard includes:  
 Care of Children Act 2004  
 Child Support Act 1991  
 Civil Union Act 2004  
 Family Proceedings Act 1980  
 Marriage Act 1955  
 Property (Relationships) Act 1976  
 Protection of Personal and Property Rights Act 1988.
- 2 Definition  
*Personal relationships*, in this unit standard, refer to relationships in the nature of marriage, civil union, and de-facto relationships.
- 3 Useful references for this unit standard include but are not limited to:  
 Law Commission website – <https://www.lawcom.govt.nz/>  
 Ministry of Justice website – <https://www.justice.govt.nz>  
 Department of Internal Affairs website – <http://www.dia.govt.nz/>  
 New Zealand Legislation website – <http://legislation.govt.nz/>.

---

### Outcomes and performance criteria

#### Outcome 1

Describe the legal implications of entering into relationships.

#### Performance criteria

- 1.1 Entering into marriage and civil unions are described in terms of the legal requirements.

Range legal requirements in relation to – consent, freedom of choice, restrictions on marriage.

1.2 A de-facto relationship is described in terms of its legal meaning.

1.3 Relationships are described in terms of the legal implications and rights and responsibilities for property and children.

## Outcome 2

Describe legal processes for, and consequences of, terminating relationships.

### Performance criteria

2.1 Ending a relationship is described in terms of the legal procedures and process of separation.

2.2 Ending a relationship is described in terms of the role of the Family Court.

2.3 Ending a relationship is described in terms of possible legal consequences.

Range legal consequences in relation to – property accumulated, inheritance, child support, day-to-day care and contact with children.

<b>Planned review date</b>	31 December 2025
----------------------------	------------------

### Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

Process	Version	Date	Last Date for Assessment
Registration	1	1 November 1996	31 December 2013
Review	2	23 February 2000	31 December 2013
Review	3	14 December 2007	31 December 2013
Rollover and Revision	4	14 December 2012	31 December 2017
Review	5	20 August 2015	31 December 2023
Review	6	22 October 2020	N/A

<b>Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference</b>	0226
--	------

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

### Comments on this unit standard

Please contact NZQA National Qualifications Services [nqs@nzqa.govt.nz](mailto:nqs@nzqa.govt.nz) if you wish to suggest changes to the content of this unit standard.