

## Achievement Standard

**Subject Reference** Psychology 1.3

**Title** Demonstrate understanding of the methods used in psychological research

**Level** 1      **Credits** 4      **Assessment** Internal

**Subfield** Social Science Studies

**Domain** Psychology

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This achievement standard involves demonstrating understanding of the methods used in psychological research.

### Achievement Criteria

Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demonstrate understanding of the methods used in psychological research.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demonstrate in-depth understanding of the methods used in psychological research.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demonstrate comprehensive understanding of the methods used in psychological research.</li> </ul>

### Explanatory Notes

1 This achievement standard is derived from *The New Zealand Curriculum*, Learning Media, Ministry of Education, 2007, Social Sciences learning area, and the Level 6 achievement objectives and is related to the material in the *Teaching and Learning Guide for Psychology*, Ministry of Education, 2010 at <http://seniorsecondary.tki.org.nz>.

2 *Demonstrate understanding* involves identifying and describing at least three methods used in psychological research.

*Demonstrate in-depth understanding* involves explaining the reasons and appropriateness of the researchers' choice of the methods used in the psychological research.

*Demonstrate comprehensive understanding* involves giving a thorough explanation of the researchers' choice of the methods used in the psychological research. The explanation includes a comparison of the different methods and a justification of why these methods were used.

- 3 *Methods* used in psychological research are the specific tools, techniques and processes psychologists use to investigate, develop and test theories. Examples of methods include:
    - case studies
    - correlations
    - experiments
    - observations
    - surveys.
  - 4 *Psychological research* is a study from a recognised academic journal or equivalent publication, or a summary of an academic study, and is one where the design can be determined and analysed.
  - 5 Conditions of Assessment related to this achievement standard can be found at <http://ncea.tki.org.nz/Resources-for-Internally-Assessed-Achievement-Standards>.
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### Replacement Information

This achievement standard replaced unit standard 27254.

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### Quality Assurance

- 1 Providers and Industry Training Organisations must be accredited by NZQA before they can register credits from assessment against achievement standards.
- 2 Organisations with consent to assess and Industry Training Organisations assessing against achievement standards must engage with the moderation system that applies to those achievement standards.

Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference

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