

Achievement Standard

Subject Reference Psychology 1.5

Title Demonstrate understanding of ethical principles in psychological practice in Aotearoa/New Zealand

Level 1 **Credits** 3 **Assessment** Internal

Subfield Social Science Studies

Domain Psychology

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This achievement standard involves demonstrating understanding of ethical principles in psychological practice in Aotearoa/New Zealand.

Achievement Criteria

Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrate understanding of ethical principles in psychological practice in Aotearoa/New Zealand. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrate in-depth understanding of ethical principles in psychological practice in Aotearoa/New Zealand. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrate comprehensive understanding of ethical principles in psychological practice in Aotearoa/New Zealand.

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 describing the need for ethical principles in psychological practice in Aotearoa/New Zealand. The description includes giving examples of the principles that have been applied in an Aotearoa/New Zealand context, study or scenario.

Demonstrate in-depth understanding involves explaining the purpose and effect of ethical principles. The explanation includes giving examples of where the principles may or may not have been applied in an Aotearoa/New Zealand context, study or scenario.

Demonstrate comprehensive understanding involves considering the wider implications of ethical principles on psychological practice in Aotearoa/New Zealand using examples. Examples may include reasons why the principles are unique to Aotearoa/New Zealand.

- 3 *Ethical principles* are aspirational goals of a code of ethics to guide psychologists towards the highest ideals of psychological practice. These principles should be considered by psychologists in arriving at an ethical course of action. The principles referred to here are those of *The Code of Ethics for Psychologists Working in Aotearoa/New Zealand, 2002* as set out below:
 - Respect for the Dignity of Persons and Peoples
 - Responsible Caring
 - Integrity in Relationships
 - Social Justice and Responsibility to Society.
- 4 *Psychological practice* refers to activities that are part of the scientific, educational, and professional roles of those working in the field of psychology.
- 5 The Code of Ethics for Psychologists Working in Aotearoa/New Zealand, 2002, is available from the New Zealand Psychological Society <http://www.psychology.org.nz>.
- 6 Conditions of Assessment related to this achievement standard can be found at <http://ncea.tki.org.nz/Resources-for-Internally-Assessed-Achievement-Standards>.

Replacement Information

This achievement standard replaced unit standard 27258.

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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