

Achievement Standard

Subject Reference Psychology 3.3

Title Conduct independent psychological research with consultation

Level 3 **Credits** 6 **Assessment** Internal

Subfield Social Science Studies

Domain Psychology

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This achievement standard involves conducting independent psychological research with consultation.

Achievement Criteria

Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct independent psychological research with consultation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct, in depth, independent psychological research with consultation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comprehensively conduct independent psychological research with consultation.

Explanatory Notes

- This achievement standard is derived from *The New Zealand Curriculum*, Learning Media, Ministry of Education, 2007, Social Sciences learning area, and is related to the material in the *Teaching and Learning Guide for Psychology*, Ministry of Education, at <http://seniorsecondary.tki.org.nz>.
- Conduct* involves:
 - developing a statement of the aim and purpose linked to a psychological concept or idea
 - selecting an appropriate research method
 - developing the procedure
 - considering and complying with the New Zealand Code of Ethics
 - selecting and recording data
 - reaching a valid conclusion derived from the findings which is relevant to the purpose of the investigation
 - interpreting and reporting on the findings.

Conduct, in depth, involves:

- effective research design
- describing the reasons for the choice of the method used to conduct psychological research
- evaluating the appropriateness of the method design and/or the validity and reliability of the data making reference to resources. For example, the New Zealand Code of Ethics and statistical analysis
- discussing the psychological ideas relating to the research based on the findings.

Comprehensively conduct involves:

- justifying the research design and method used
- using the findings to inform future research direction or next steps that might be taken
- providing a list of sources.

3 *With consultation* involves the teacher providing feedback. For example:

- appropriateness of the psychological research
- progress discussions
- ensuring the proposed research is ethical
- providing broad experimental conditions such as the availability of equipment or participants.

4 *Psychological research* refers to research carried out in the context of studying human or non-human animal behaviour.

5 *Independent* involves students designing and conducting their own psychological research.

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 27693.

Quality Assurance

- 1 Providers and Industry Training Organisations must have been granted consent to assess 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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