

Achievement Standard

Subject Reference Psychology 3.4

Title Analyse how theories are applied within a field of psychological practice

Level 3 **Credits** 4 **Assessment** Internal

Subfield Social Science Studies

Domain Psychology

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This achievement standard involves analysing how theories are applied within a field of psychological practice.

Achievement Criteria

Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyse how theories are applied within a field of psychological practice. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyse, in depth, how theories are applied within a field of psychological practice. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comprehensively analyse how theories are applied within a field of psychological practice.

Explanatory Notes

1 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>.

2 *Analyse* involves discussing one field of psychological practice focusing on how two or more theories are applied within a context in the chosen field.

Analyse, in depth, involves critiquing how two or more theories have had an impact within a context in the field of psychological practice. The critique includes descriptions of, or references to, psychological theory, concepts and/or studies from published works.

Comprehensively analyse involves a detailed critique focusing on the effectiveness of how two or more theories are applied within a context in the field. The detailed critique includes how the application of these theories has impacted on wider society. For example social justice, political, education and health systems.

- 3 *Field of psychological practice* refers to a real life setting. Examples of fields of psychological practice include:
- clinical
 - developmental
 - human factors (industrial)
 - organisational
 - forensic
 - health
 - sports
 - comparative
 - media
 - environmental
 - educational
 - social
 - cultural.
- 4 *Theory* refers to psychological ideas that describe, explain or predict behaviour or mental processes. For example, the theory of operant conditioning is relevant to the field of educational psychology and Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs is used in the field of industrial and organisational psychology.
- 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 27695.

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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