

41225**Outline compliance requirements in water services to support public health safety**

Kaupae Level	3
Whiwhinga Credit	3
Whāinga Purpose	This skill standard is for people who are intending to work in water services industries. People with this skill standard can outline compliance requirements relevant to water services and describe how these requirements support public health safety. This skill standard provides foundational legislative and regulatory knowledge that supports participation in operational water services roles across drinking water, wastewater, and related contexts. This skill standard aligns with the New Zealand Certificate in Water Services (Level 3) with strands in Drinking Water, and Wastewater [Ref: 5674] and may also contribute to other water services industry credentials.

Hua o te ako me Paearu aromatawai | Learning outcomes and assessment criteria

Hua o te ako Learning outcomes	Paearu aromatawai Assessment criteria
1. Outline the compliance requirements in water services to support public health safety.	a. Outline the importance of legislative and compliance requirements in the water services industry.
	b. Describe the relationship between legislative frameworks, regulatory bodies, and the water services activities.
	c. Explain how legislative and compliance requirements relate to routine water services tasks.

Pārongo aromatawai me te taumata paearu | Assessment information and grade criteria

Assessment specifications:

N/A

Definitions

Compliance requirements refer to application legislation, regulations, standards, bylaws, and recognised industry codes of practice relevant to water services.

Water services providers refer to those entities involved in the management and provision of drinking water and wastewater services to communities.

Water services refer to industries responsible for working on or around water supplies, networks, plants, and systems.

Ngā momo whiwhinga | Grades available

Achieved.

Ihirangi waitohu | Indicative content

- The structure and purpose of legislative and regulatory frameworks relevant to water services including why legislation exists, what problem it was designed to address.
- The relationship between Acts, regulations, standards, policies, regulatory bodies, and workplace requirements.
- Roles and responsibilities of workers, water services providers, and regulators in meeting compliance obligations, including water services delivery models.
- How compliance requirements influence routine water services activities such as the Quality Assurance Rules, consents, and treatment requirements.
- Duty of care of workers and water services providers.
- The importance of maintaining currency in the workplace with legislative and regulatory changes.
- Where to locate authoritative compliance and other relevant information.

Rauemi | Resources

Legislation, regulations and/or industry standards relevant to this skill standard include, but are not limited to:

- Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 - [Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 | WorkSafe](#).
- Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996 - [Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996 No 30 \(as at 05 April 2025\), Public Act Contents – New Zealand Legislation](#).
- Drinking Water Quality Assurance Rules - [Drinking Water Quality Assurance Rules](#).
- Local Government (Water Services) Act 2024 - [Local Government \(Water Services Preliminary Arrangements\) Act 2024 No 31 \(as at 27 August 2025\), Public Act Part 1 Preliminary provisions – New Zealand Legislation](#).
- National Wastewater Environmental Performance Standards - [Discussion-document-National-wastewater-environmental-performance-standards-FINAL.pdf](#).
- Resource Management Act 1991 - [Acts and Bills | Ministry for the Environment](#).
- Te Mana o te Wai – National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management - [Te Mana o te Wai implementation | Ministry for the Environment](#).
- Wastewater Standards - [Wastewater standards | The Water Services Authority - Taumata Arowai](#).
- Water Services Act 2021 - [Water Services Act 2021, Public Act Contents – New Zealand Legislation](#).
- Water Services (Drinking Water Standards for New Zealand) Regulations 2022 - [Water Services \(Drinking Water Standards for New Zealand\) Regulations 2022 \(SL 2022/168\) – New Zealand Legislation](#).

Pārongo Whakaū Kouna | Quality assurance information

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