

Field Social Sciences**Review, and revision and rollover of *Legal Studies* unit standards**

Subfield	Domain	ID
Social Science Studies	Legal Studies	8543, 8544, 8545 , 8546, 8547, 8551 , 8552 , 8554, 8555 , 10337 , 10338, 10340-10342, 10344, 10345, 10347 , 10349, 10351, 23699

NZQA National Qualifications Services (NQS) has completed the review, and revision and rollover of the unit standards listed above. The standards in **bold** have been revised and rolled over.

Date new versions published

December 2012

Planned review date for revised and rolled over standards

December 2015

Planned review date for new standards

December 2017

Summary

In 2011, NQS initiated the review of *Legal Studies* unit standards as part of a normal cycle of review. The standards in the *Legal Studies* domain were last reviewed in 2007 and have shown steady usage at Levels 1-3, particularly by secondary schools.

Pre-review feedback indicated a need for the standards to include Merit and Excellence grades, which became a significant goal for this project. The Ministry of Education (MoE) was concurrently developing *Teaching and Learning Guidelines for Legal Studies* containing Learning Objectives aligned with Levels 6-8 of the New Zealand Curriculum – these guidelines were used to inform the review.

A review panel comprising representatives from secondary schools, Victoria University, and Youth Law was convened. Eighteen new *Legal Studies* standards with Achieved, Merit and Excellence grades were developed – six at each of Levels 1, 2 and 3. National consultation on the draft standards was conducted throughout March 2012 via the consultation section of the NZQA website. The review was completed in May 2012.

A small number of existing registered legal studies unit standards that showed usage were revised and rolled over at the request of a representative of Te Aho o Te Kura Pounamu or Te Kura – The Correspondence School. These standards were identified as being of value to their learners and may be considered for grading at their next planned review. Minor amendments were made to update legislation and update evidence requirements to current style.

Main changes

- Eighteen new unit standards containing Achieved, Merit and Excellence grades were developed.
- Unit standards 8543, 8544, 8546, 8547, 8554, 10338, 10341, 10342, 10344, 10345, 10349, 10351, and 23699 were replaced by some of the new standards with grades (Achieved, Merit and Excellence).

- Unit standards 8545, 8551, 8552, 8555, 10337, and 10347 were revised and rolled over to extend the planned review date to December 2015, with amendments made to the evidence requirements and legislation.
- Unit standards 10340 and 10342 were designated expiring without replacement as usage of these unit standards was comparatively low.

Category C and D unit standards will expire at the end of December 2014

Impact on existing organisations with consent to assess

Current consent for			Consent extended to		
Nature of consent	Classification or ID	Level	Nature of consent	Classification or ID	Level
Standard	8543	2	Standard	27842	2
Standard	8546	2	Standard	27844	1
Standard	8547	2	Standard	27844	1
Standard	8554	2	Standard	27842	2

Impact on registered qualifications

Key to type of impact	
Affected	The qualification lists a reviewed classification (domain or subfield) in an elective set The qualification lists a standard that has changes to level or credits The qualification lists a C or D category standard
Not materially affected	The qualification lists a standard that has a new title The qualification lists a standard that has a new classification

The following table identifies a qualification developed by another SSB that is affected by the outcome of this review. The SSB has been advised that the qualification requires revision.

Ref	Qualification Title	Classification or ID	SSB Name
0560	National Certificate in Security (Communications) (Level 3)	8546	The Skills Organisation

Detailed list of reviewed unit standards – classification, title, level, and credits

All changes are in **bold**.

Key to review category	
A	Dates changed, but no other changes are made - the new version of the standard carries the same ID and a new version number
B	Changes made, but the overall outcome remains the same - the new version of the standard carries the same ID and a new version number
C	Major changes that necessitate the registration of a replacement standard with a new ID
D	Standard will expire and not be replaced

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ID	Title	Level	Credit	Review Category
8543	Describe the role of law and its relationship with New Zealand society	2	2	C
8554	Describe elements and remedies for breach of a contract	2	2	C
27842	Explain concepts of law	2	4	
8544	Describe how laws are made and changed in New Zealand	2	4	C
27848	Explain a law making process	2	4	
8546	Describe the New Zealand judicial system	2	2	C
8547	Describe the role, and operation of the Youth Justice System	2	3	C
27844	Demonstrate understanding of litigation and dispute resolution processes in New Zealand	1	4	
10338	Describe and compare methods of dispute resolution in the legal system	2	3	C
10349	Describe and evaluate criminal and civil court processes, and systems of justice	3	4	C
27845	Explain litigation and dispute resolution processes	2	4	
10340	Describe the application of law to discrimination	2	2	D
10341	Describe and evaluate the legal relationship between the state and the individual	3	4	C
10351	Describe and evaluate the New Zealand criminal justice system	3	4	C
23699	Describe and apply civil law to specific situations	3	4	C
27846	Evaluate litigation and dispute resolution processes in relation to challenging state power	3	4	
10342	Describe the application of law to wills and intestacy	2	2	D
10344	Describe and evaluate a law reform	3	3	C
10345	Compare legal systems and their ability to accommodate differences	3	3	C
27849	Evaluate a law making process in relation to a significant legal issue	3	4	
27835	Demonstrate understanding of concepts of democracy and government	1	4	New
27836	Explain concepts of democracy and government in a New Zealand context	2	4	New
27837	Evaluate a concept of democracy and government in relation to restraint on state power	3	4	New
27838	Demonstrate understanding of foundational concepts of justice	1	4	New
27839	Explain concepts of justice	2	4	New
27840	Evaluate a concept of justice in relation to a specific situation	3	4	New
27841	Demonstrate understanding of concepts of law	1	4	New

ID	Title	Level	Credit	Review Category
27843	Evaluate a concept of law in relation to a specific situation	3	4	New
27847	Demonstrate understanding of law making processes	1	4	New
27850	Demonstrate understanding of New Zealand's system of government and its formation and operation	1	4	New
27851	Explain systems of government and their formation and operation in a New Zealand context	2	4	New
27852	Evaluate systems of government and their formation	3	4	New

Detailed list of revised and rolled over unit standards – classification, title, level, and credits

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ID	Title	Level	Credit
8545	Describe factors contributing to, and consequences of, crime	2	3
8551	Describe the application of New Zealand law to marriage, civil union, and de-facto relationships	2	3
8552	Describe legal consequences and protections relating to domestic violence and child abuse	2	2
8555	Describe the objectives and application of consumer law	2	3
10337	Describe the legal rights and personal responsibilities of secondary school students	2	3
10347	Demonstrate knowledge of the development of the New Zealand legal system	3	5