

Field **Social Sciences**

### Review of *Legal Studies* unit standards

Subfield	Domain	ID
Social Science Studies	Legal Studies	27835-27852

NZQA National Qualifications Services has completed the review of the unit standards listed above.

**Date new versions published**

**November 2017**

**Planned review date**

**December 2022**

### Summary

These eighteen graded unit standards were reviewed as part of the regular review cycle, by a panel of stakeholders supported by an e-mail network who offered feedback and advice.

### Main changes

- Grading criteria was simplified and clarified, to achieve better consistency of language and approach throughout the standards, without making material changes to the intent.
- The title of 27851 was amended, to clarify rather than to change (refer to the table below).
- The standards reflect the new template, where *Explanatory notes* are renamed *Guidance information*, and *Evidence requirements* become *Performance criteria*.

**The last date for assessment of superseded versions of Category B unit standards is December 2019.**

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

All changes are in **bold**.

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

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ID	Title	Level	Credit	Review Category
27835	Demonstrate understanding of concepts of democracy and government	1	4	B
27836	Explain concepts of democracy and government in a New Zealand context	2	4	B
27837	Evaluate a concept of democracy and government in relation to restraint on state power	3	4	B

ID	Title	Level	Credit	Review Category
27838	Demonstrate understanding of foundational concepts of justice	1	4	B
27839	Explain concepts of justice	2	4	B
27840	Evaluate a concept of justice in relation to a specific situation	3	4	B
27841	Demonstrate understanding of concepts of law	1	4	B
27842	Explain concepts of law	2	4	B
27843	Evaluate a concept of law in relation to a specific situation	3	4	B
27844	Demonstrate understanding of litigation and dispute resolution processes in New Zealand	1	4	B
27845	Explain litigation and dispute resolution processes	2	4	B
27846	Evaluate litigation and dispute resolution processes in relation to challenging state power	3	4	B
27847	Demonstrate understanding of law making processes	1	4	B
27848	Explain a law making process	2	4	B
27849	Evaluate a law making process in relation to a significant legal issue	3	4	B
27850	Demonstrate understanding of New Zealand's system of government and its formation and operation	1	4	B
27851	Explain systems of government and their formation and operation in a New Zealand context <b>Explain systems for the formation of central government, and their consequences in a New Zealand context</b>	2	4	B
27852	Evaluate systems of government and their formation	3	4	B