

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The last date for assessment of superseded versions of Category B unit standards is December 2019.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	
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
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 Explain systems for the formation of central government, and their consequences in a New Zealand context	2	4	B
27852	Evaluate systems of government and their formation	3	4	B