

**Field**      **Social Sciences**

**Review of *Sociology* unit standards**

<b>Subfield</b>	<b>Domain</b>	<b>ID</b>
Social Science Studies	Sociology	8989-8991, 8993-8995, 8997-8999, 9001-9003, 9005-9007, 28119-28121

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

**Date new versions published**

**January 2022**

**Planned review date**

**December 2026**

**Summary**

The standards were reviewed as part of their scheduled maintenance cycle and in response to feedback that the possibility of using Māori and/or Pasifika contexts for the standards should be made explicit.

All providers with consent to assess were informed of the review, and all those who had used the standards were contacted directly. A representative review panel was convened, who considered the standards and the feedback, and added an explicit statement to every standard, suggesting the possibility of using a Māori or Pasifika context(s) for the standard. Stakeholders in the email supporting network and the public consultation supported the additions.

A similar statement was added to the Teaching and Learning Guide (page 12). The assessment resources were unaffected by the changes. The Guide and the assessment resources are available at [Sociology Assessment Support Material » NZQA](#).

The panel and all stakeholders agreed that no further changes were needed.

**Main changes**

- The possibility of using Māori and/or Pacific peoples' contexts was expressed in the standards, to recognise their place and importance in Aotearoa New Zealand society.

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

All changes are in **bold**.

<b>Key to review category</b>	
<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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<b>ID</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Credit</b>	<b>Review Category</b>
8989	Explain a sociological theory	1	4	B
8990	Examine sociological theories	2	5	B
8991	Evaluate sociological theories	3	5	B

<b>ID</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Credit</b>	<b>Review Category</b>
8993	Describe a social institution	1	4	B
8994	Examine a social institution	2	4	B
8995	Evaluate a social institution	3	4	B
8997	Describe a social structure	1	4	B
8998	Examine a social structure	2	4	B
8999	Evaluate a social structure	3	4	B
9001	Conduct a directed quantitative sociological enquiry	1	5	B
9002	Conduct a guided quantitative sociological enquiry	2	6	B
9003	Conduct an independent quantitative sociological enquiry	3	6	B
9005	Conduct a directed qualitative sociological enquiry	1	5	B
9006	Conduct a guided qualitative sociological enquiry	2	6	B
9007	Conduct an independent qualitative sociological enquiry	3	6	B
28119	Describe a social process	1	4	B
28120	Examine a social process	2	4	B
28121	Evaluate a social process	3	4	B