

Field **Social Sciences**

Review of *Legal Studies* unit standards

Subfield	Domain	ID
Social Science Studies	Legal Studies	27835-27852

The NZQA National Qualifications Services (NQS) has completed the review of the unit standards listed above.

Date new versions published

February 2023

Planned review date

December 2027

Summary

The review was undertaken as part of the planned cycle of review of NQS unit standards and was informed by analysis of usage data and moderation reports.

The review panel comprised representatives from secondary schools, Te Aho o Te Kura Pounamu and Victoria University. The Ministry of Education was consulted.

National consultation on the draft standards was conducted throughout September 2022. All education organisations that hold consent to assess and those that have reported results against these standards were also contacted directly via email and invited to provide feedback on the draft reviewed standards and appropriate actions were taken in response.

Main changes

- Some standard titles and ranges were amended to more clearly describe outcomes.
- Performance criteria were clarified to ensure consistent understanding of achievement levels and workload expectations across the standards at each level.

The last date for assessment of superseded versions of Category B unit standards is December 2024

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 Describe concepts of democracy and government	1	4	B
27836	Explain concepts of democracy and government in a New Zealand context	2	4	B

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27837	Evaluate a concept of democracy and government in relation to restraint on state power	3	4	B
27838	Demonstrate understanding of foundational concepts of justice Describe 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 Evaluate a concept of justice in relation to an actual situation	3	4	B
27841	Demonstrate understanding of concepts of law Describe the purpose 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 Evaluate a concept of law in relation to an actual situation	3	4	B
27844	Demonstrate understanding of litigation and dispute resolution processes in New Zealand Describe litigation 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 Describe 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 Describe New Zealand's system of government and the process for forming a government	1	4	B
27851	Explain systems for the formation of central government, and their consequences in a New Zealand context Explain systems for the formation of central government in a New Zealand context	2	4	B
27852	Evaluate systems of government and their formation	3	4	B