

Title	Demonstrate knowledge of strategies for achieving zero waste		
Level	5	Credits	20

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to demonstrate knowledge of strategies for achieving zero waste.
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Classification	Zero Waste > Zero Waste Theory and Practice
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

- References relevant to this unit standard include but are not limited to:
Local Government Amendment Act 1996;
The New Zealand Waste Strategy: Reducing Harm, Improving Efficiency 2010
Ministry for the Environment, available at <http://www.mfe.govt.nz>;
information provided on government, local authority, academic institution, and industry organisations websites such as:
Ministry for the Environment, at <http://www.mfe.govt.nz>;
New Zealand Business Council for Sustainable Development (NZBCSD), at <http://nzbcsc.org.nz/zerowaste>;
New Zealand Recycling Symbols, at <http://www.branz.co.nz>;
Zero Waste New Zealand Trust, at <http://www.zerowaste.co.nz/>.
- The contexts for assessment against this unit standard exclude the wastewater and residual waste industries.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Demonstrate knowledge of strategies for achieving zero waste.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 The explanation details strategies in terms of voluntary agreements, stewardship, and information exchange.

Range voluntary agreements may include but are not limited to – the Ministry for the Environment's Packaging Accord, the Waste Management Institute of New Zealand's Lifeafterwaste programme, the Landcare Research Enviro-mark programme, extended producer responsibility, green purchasing, recycling symbols, design for the environment products; evidence is required of five strategies.

- 1.2 Strategies for raising awareness and information exchange are identified and explained in relation to targets and methods.

Range targets – government, industry, community;
methods may include but are not limited to – events, internet, publications, training, media, communications.

- 1.3 The explanation details methods for implementing government strategies.

Range government – local, national; examples of methods are – policies, pricing, regulation, incentives, contract management, community support, research and development, funding, demonstration trials, pilot programmes, extension programmes, partnering; evidence is required of two methods for each level of government.

- 1.4 The explanation specifies aspects of strategies, which effect behaviour change and increase participation.

- 1.5 The explanation outlines strategies that provide for local employment opportunities and economic and community development.

- 1.6 The explanation outlines strategies for strengthening and developing markets for recovered materials.

Range markets – national, international;
includes but is not limited to – quality standards, cooperative agreements.

- 1.7 The explanation identifies methods for monitoring progress towards waste reduction.

This unit standard is expiring. Assessment against the standard must take place by the last date for assessment set out below.

Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

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Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference

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This CMR can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.