

<b>Title</b>	<b>Describe the Health Act 1956 relating to drinking-water and drinking-water suppliers</b>		
<b>Level</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>8</b>

<b>Purpose</b>	<p>People credited with this unit standard are able to describe: the types of drinking-water supply, and duties of drinking-water suppliers, in accordance with the Health Act 1956; the application of the term 'all practicable steps' as it applies to the management of drinking-water supplies in accordance with the Health Act 1956; the requirement for drinking water suppliers to prepare and implement a Water Safety Plan (WSP); the roles of officers, and types, powers and functions of drinking-water assessors, under the Health Act 1956; and the requirements for a drinking-water inspection body under the Health Act 1956.</p>
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<b>Classification</b>	Water Industry > Drinking-Water Assessment
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<b>Available grade</b>	Achieved
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### Guidance Information

- 1 Legislation and references relevant to this unit standard include: Health Act 1956, and Health (Drinking Water) Amendment Act 2007; *AS/NZS ISO/IEC 17020:2013 Conformity assessment – Requirements for the operation of various types of bodies performing inspection*, available from Standards New Zealand <https://shop.standards.govt.nz>.
- 2 The Health Act 1956 requires that inspection bodies be accredited to internationally accepted standards. *AS/NZS ISO/IEC 17020:2013* is the standard used for this purpose in New Zealand.
- 3 Definition  
*Drinking-water supply* – supply catchment, treatment plant, and distribution including tankers. The drinking-water supplier has responsibility for managing the public health risks of the drinking-water supply.

### Outcomes and performance criteria

#### Outcome 1

Describe the types of drinking-water supply, and duties of drinking-water suppliers, in accordance with the Health Act 1956.

**Performance criteria**

- 1.1 A drinking-water supplier is defined, and drinking-water supplies are described in terms of their types and features.
- 1.2 The duties of drinking-water suppliers are described.

**Outcome 2**

Describe the application of the term 'all practicable steps' in the management of drinking-water supplies, in accordance with the Health Act 1956.

**Performance criteria**

- 2.1 The situations where 'all practicable steps' would be applied are described.
- 2.2 The situations where 'all practicable steps' would be demonstrated by the drinking-water supplier are described.

**Outcome 3**

Describe the requirement for drinking-water suppliers to prepare and implement a Water Safety Plan (WSP).

**Performance criteria**

- 3.1 A WSP is described in terms of the suppliers who are required to complete one, and the information it must contain.
- 3.2 A WSP is described in terms of the approval process.

**Outcome 4**

Describe the roles of officers, and types, powers and functions of drinking-water assessors, under the Health Act 1956.

**Performance criteria**

- 4.1 Officers are described in terms of their functions, roles and duties.  

Range	Designated Officer, Drinking Water Assessor, Medical Officer of Health.
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- 4.2 Drinking-water assessors are described in terms of their types, powers and functions as designated by the Director General of Health.  

Range	types – powers and functions, functions and no powers.
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**Outcome 5**

Describe the requirements for a drinking-water inspection body under the Health Act 1956.

**Performance criteria**

- 5.1 The framework of *AS/NZS ISO/IEC 17020:2013* is described in terms of its applications for inspection bodies and signatories.

<b>Replacement information</b>	This unit standard replaced unit standard 18438 and unit standard 18445.
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**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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<b>Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference</b>	0101
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This CMR can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.