

Title	Demonstrate knowledge of the legislative framework and agencies relevant to drinking-water supply		
Level	3	Credits	5

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to describe: the framework of government in New Zealand; the Ministry of Health strategy for drinking-water; and the implications of legislation for drinking-water operators.
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Classification	Water Industry > Water Treatment
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

Legislation and references relevant to this unit standard include: Health and Safety at Work Act 2015, Local Government Act 2002, Health Act 1956, Resource Management Act 1991, Building Act 2004, and the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms (HSNO) Act 1996;

Drinking-Water Standards for New Zealand, 2005 (Revised 2008). Ministry of Health, Wellington;

Guidelines for Drinking-water Quality Management for New Zealand 2015 (2nd ed). Ministry of Health, Wellington.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Describe the framework of government in New Zealand.

Performance criteria

1.1 The framework of government in New Zealand is described in terms of making and enforcing laws, bylaws, regulations, and standards relevant to the drinking-water supply industry.

Range the Crown, Prime Minister and Cabinet, Parliament, Acts, Ministries, Local Authorities, Courts.

1.2 Central, regional, and local government agencies relevant to drinking-water supply are described in terms of their functions and responsibilities.

Range Authorities – District Health Board, public health services, Ministry for the Environment, Ministry of Health, Regional Councils, City and District Councils, Environment Court.

Outcome 2

Describe the Ministry of Health strategy for drinking-water.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 The components of the Ministry of Health strategy for drinking-water are described as defined in the Health Act 1956, and their location, purpose, and general content and are explained.
- Range includes but is not limited to – register of drinking-water supplies, water safety plans, drinking water assessors, types of water supplies.
- 2.2 The functions of the *Drinking-Water Standards for New Zealand* are explained as they relate to the Ministry of Health strategy.
- Range maximum acceptable values (MAVs), compliance criteria and reporting requirements, remedial actions.
- 2.3 Water Safety Plans (WSPs) are described in terms of their role in drinking-water supply risk management.
- Range includes but is not limited to risk – identification, assessment, mitigation, management, improvement.
- 2.4 Drinking-water assessors are described in terms of their statutory obligations.

Outcome 3

Describe the implications of legislation for drinking-water operators.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 The Resource Management Act 1991 is described in terms of location, purpose, reporting procedures and conditions of consents.
- 3.2 Legislation is described in terms of the consequences of non-compliance.
- Range may include but is not limited to – Health Act 1956, Resource Management Act 1991, Local Government Act 2002, Health and Safety at Work Act 2015, Building Act 2004.

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