

Title	Demonstrate knowledge of the legislative framework and agencies relevant to wastewater treatment		
Level	3	Credits	4

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to describe: the framework of government in New Zealand; the planning, operational, and regulatory roles of the primary agencies relevant to wastewater treatment in New Zealand; and the application of the Resource Management Act 1991 to wastewater treatment in New Zealand.
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Classification	Water Industry > Wastewater Treatment
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

- 1 Legislation relevant to this unit standard includes: Resource Management Act 1991, Local Government Act 2002, Health Act 1956, Building Act 2004, Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996, Health and Safety at Work Act 2015, and subsequent amendments.
- 2 Definition
Wastewater may include stormwater and sewage systems.

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 wastewater industries.

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

- 1.2 National and territorial authorities with responsibilities relevant to wastewater industries are identified and described in terms of their functions and responsibilities.

Range authorities – Ministry for the Environment, Ministry of Health, Regional Councils, City and District Councils, Environment Court.

Outcome 2

Describe the planning, operational, and regulatory roles of the primary agencies relevant to wastewater treatment in New Zealand.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 The roles of Regional, City and District Councils are described in terms of their planning and regulatory procedures.

Range Resource Management Act 1991, Local Government Act 2002, Building Act 2004, Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996, Regional Plans.

- 2.2 The roles of the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment are described in terms of planning and regulatory procedures.

Range Health Act 1956, Medical Officer of Health, Health and Safety at Work Act 2015.

Outcome 3

Describe the application of the Resource Management Act 1991 to wastewater treatment in New Zealand.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 Impacts on the natural environment which require resource consent under the Resource Management Act 1991 are described.

Range abstractions from natural water, discharges to environment, emergencies, land use, building consents.

- 3.2 The procedures to obtain or renew a resource consent are described in terms of sequence, participants in the process, and expected timeframes.

Range application procedure, notified/non-notified, discretionary, permitted uses, pre-hearing meetings, hearings, appeals.

- 3.3 Offences under the Resource Management Act 1991 and methods of enforcement are described in terms of breaches of consent conditions and ensuing procedures.

Range illegal abstractions and discharges, enforcement orders, abatement notices, power of entry, penalties, fines.

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