

<b>Title</b>	<b>Demonstrate knowledge of the Resource Management Act (RMA) and related legislation for resource consent hearings</b>		
<b>Level</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>2</b>

<b>Purpose</b>	<p>This unit standard is for people working in, or who intend to work in, local authorities as administrators processing RMA applications through the hearings process. It is also relevant to people working in the resource management sector who would benefit from understanding the legislation, and the processes used for hearings held under the RMA.</p> <p>People credited with this unit standard are able to: describe the purpose and principles of the RMA in relation to resource consents; identify the types of resource consents addressed in the RMA, and describe the steps and timeframes in which consents are processed through hearings; describe the legislation relating to meetings for hearing resource consent applications; describe the types of hearings and hearing processes of non-resource consent matters under the RMA; and describe the legislative roles of regional and district councils, Ministers of the Environment and Conservation, and the Environment Court in relation to resource consents.</p>
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<b>Classification</b>	Compliance and Law Enforcement > Compliance and Regulatory Control
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<b>Available grade</b>	Achieved
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### Guidance Information

- References  
 Commissions of Inquiry Act 1908;  
 District and Regional Plans;  
 Health and Safety at Work Act 2015;  
 Human Rights Act 1993;  
 Local Government Acts 1974 and 2002;  
 Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987;  
 Resource Management Act 1991;  
 NZS 9202:2003 *Model Standing Orders for Meetings of Local Authorities and Community Boards* available at <http://www.standards.c o.nz>;  
 and all subsequent amendments and replacements.
- The primary reference for this unit standard is An Everyday Guide to the Resource Management Act Series (Wellington: Ministry for the Environment, 2008). This is available at <http://www.mfe.govt.nz/>. This is a series of guides about everyday

matters under the RMA. The following guides are relevant to this unit standard: 1.1 Getting in on the Act; 1.2 Resolving Resource Management Act Concerns; and 6.1 Your Guide to the Environment Court.

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## Outcomes and performance criteria

### Outcome 1

Describe the purpose and principles of the RMA in relation to resource consents.

#### Performance criteria

- 1.1 The description explains the purpose and principles of the RMA in accordance with Part 2 of the Act, and the primary reference.

### Outcome 2

Identify the types of resource consents addressed in the RMA, and describe the steps and timeframes in which consents are processed through hearings.

#### Performance criteria

- 2.1 The types of resource consents are identified in accordance with Section 77B of the RMA.
- 2.2 The description explains the steps and timeframes for a resource consent application through hearings in accordance with Sections 88, 92, 93, 94, 99, 100, 104, 113, 120, and 357 of the RMA.

### Outcome 3

Describe the legislation relating to meetings for hearing resource consent applications.

Range Commissions of Inquiry Act 1908; Local Government Act 2002; Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987; RMA 1991.

#### Performance criteria

- 3.1 The description is in accordance with the relevant Acts for notification and conduct of meetings where resource consent applications are considered.

### Outcome 4

Describe the types of hearings and hearing processes of non-resource consent matters under the RMA.

Range district plan reviews, district plan changes, policy statements, designations, heritage orders.

**Performance criteria**

- 4.1 The description explains the hearings process in relation to non-resource consent matters in accordance with the primary reference.

**Outcome 5**

Describe the legislative roles of regional and district councils, Ministers of the Environment and Conservation, and the Environment Court in relation to resource consents.

**Performance criteria**

- 5.1 The description explains the roles under the RMA in relation to resource consents of Regional and District Councils, and the roles of the Minister for the Environment, Environment Court and the Minister of Conservation, and in accordance with Sections 24 and 28A of the RMA, and the primary reference.
- 5.2 The description explains the purpose of district and regional plans, and policy statements, in relation to resource consent applications.

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

<b>Replacement information</b>	This unit standard, unit standard 25197, unit standard 25198, and unit standard 25199 replaced unit standard 19421.
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**Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions**

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