

Title	Describe the roles and rights of the participants in Resource Management Act (RMA) hearings		
Level	3	Credits	2

Purpose	<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 roles and rights of the participants in RMA hearings.</p>
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Classification	Compliance and Law Enforcement > Compliance and Regulatory Control
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

- 1 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.co.nz>;
 and all subsequent amendments and replacements.
- 2 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 guide is relevant to this unit standard: 3.3 *Appearing at a Resource Consent Hearing*.
- 3 This unit standard does not include the role of the hearings administrator at hearings. The role of the hearings administrator is covered in Unit 25198, *Demonstrate knowledge of preparation required for hearings under the Resource Management Act (RMA)*.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Describe the roles and rights of the participants in RMA hearings.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 The description identifies the types of representation and expert witnesses an applicant or submitter may call on their behalf at a hearing in accordance with the RMA, and the primary reference.
- 1.2 The description identifies the role of decision-makers and who can be appointed as a decision-maker for hearings in accordance with Section 34A of the RMA.
- 1.3 The description identifies the range of council officers that may be present at a hearing and the roles each of those officers holds in accordance with the primary reference.
- Range reporting staff, professional advisors.
- 1.4 The description identifies the provisions of the RMA in relation to tikanga Māori and the cultural requests Māori may make at a hearing: for example – karakia or waiata, or translation in accordance with Section 8 of the RMA, and the primary reference.
- 1.5 The description identifies the rights of the media to attend hearings in accordance with Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 and Part 7 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.
- 1.6 The description identifies the various rights of participants at the various types of hearings, i.e. resource consents, fully notified, limited notified and plan change hearings, in accordance with the RMA, and the primary reference.

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

Replacement information	This unit standard, unit standard 25196, 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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