

Title	Describe the application of law to arboriculture in New Zealand		
Level	5	Credits	6

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to describe: the objectives, principles and provisions of the Resource Management Act 1991 and its effect on arboriculture; employment law in New Zealand and how it affects arborists; the purpose of the Accident Compensation Corporation in relation to arboriculture; the impacts of law on tree protection in New Zealand; the application of law and bylaws to working with trees; and contract law in New Zealand, and the impacts of standard clauses in arboriculture contracts.
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Classification	Horticulture > Arboriculture
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

Legislation relevant to this standard includes but is not limited to:

- Biosecurity Act 1993;
- Consumer Guarantees Act 1993;
- Employment Relations Act 2000;
- Fencing Act 1978;
- Forests Act 1949;
- Fire and Emergency NZ Act 2017;
- Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996;
- Health and Safety at Work Act 2015;
- Health and Safety in Employment Regulations 2016;
- Historic Places Act 1993;
- Native Plants Protection Act 1934;
- Parental Leave and Employment Protection Act 2002;
- Privacy Act 2020;
- Property Law Act 2007;
- Reserves Act 1977;
- Resource Management Act (RMA) 1991;
- Land Transport Act 1998;
- Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975;
- Trespass Act 1980;
- West Coast Accord 1986;
- local bylaws;

and any subsequent amendments.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Describe the objectives, principles and provisions of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) and its effect on arboriculture.

Performance criteria

1.1 Describe the objectives and principles of the RMA in terms of how they affect arboriculture in specific regions.

1.2 Describe the provisions of the RMA in terms of how they affect arboriculture.

Range district plans, heritage orders, reserves, resource consents, riparian zones, subdivision of land, sustainable land management, tree protection, local authority planning functions; evidence of four is required.

Outcome 2

Describe employment law in New Zealand and how it affects arborists.

Performance criteria

2.1 Describe the main objectives and provisions of the Employment Relations Act 2000 in terms of how they affect arborists.

Range objectives include but are not limited to – build productive employment relationships, good faith; provisions include but are not limited to – freedom of association, bargaining, personal grievances (discrimination, sexual harassment, duress, procedures, remedies), disputes (procedures, penalties).

2.2 Describe the requirements of the Health and Safety legislation as they affect employers and employees in arboriculture.

Outcome 3

Describe the purpose of the Accident Compensation Corporation (ACC) in relation to arboriculture.

Performance criteria

3.1 Describe ACC in terms of its purpose in relation to arboriculture.

Range includes but is not limited to – injury prevention, levies, claims, rehabilitation, compensation.

Outcome 4

Describe the impacts of law on tree protection in New Zealand.

Performance criteria

- 4.1 Identify groups with an interest in tree protection in terms of their roles.
- Range includes but is not limited to – Department of Conservation, local authorities, Ministry of Primary Industries (MPI), Royal New Zealand Institute of Horticulture; lobby groups – Maruia Society; Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society; regional tree organisations.
- 4.2 Describe the provisions of the Forests Act 1949, Historic Places Act 1993, Native Plants Protection Act 1934 and RMA in terms of the protection they provide to trees.
- 4.3 Describe the powers of local authorities under District and Regional Plans in terms of tree protection.
- 4.4 Describe the impacts of the Electricity (Hazards from Trees) regulations 2003 on trees around powerline.
- 4.5 Describe the impacts of the Land Transport Management Act 2003 on trees in state highway designations.

Outcome 5

Describe the application of law and bylaws to working with trees.

Performance criteria

- 5.1 Describe statutes in terms of their application to arboriculture work.
- Range includes but is not limited to – Fencing Act 1978, Fire and Emergency NZ Act 2017, Reserves Act 1977, Land Transport Management Act 2003, Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975, Trespass Act 1980, Property Law Act 2007, Biosecurity Act 1993.
- 5.2 Describe the application of bylaws from local authorities to arboriculture work.
- Range evidence of two examples of bylaws is required; evidence of two local authorities is required.

Outcome 6

Describe contract law in New Zealand, and the impacts of standard clauses in arboriculture contracts.

Performance criteria

6.1 Describe a valid contract in terms of its requirements.

Range includes but is not limited to – offer and acceptance, competent parties, lawful subject, proper consideration, genuine consent.

6.2 Describe the standard clauses in arboriculture contracts in terms of how they affect the parties involved.

Range includes but is not limited to – insurance (public liability and private indemnity), health and safety, competent personnel, professional standards.

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