

<b>Title</b>	<b>Demonstrate understanding of concepts of democracy and government</b>		
<b>Level</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>4</b>

<b>Purpose</b>	People credited with this unit standard are able to demonstrate understanding of concepts of democracy and government.
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<b>Classification</b>	Social Science Studies > Legal Studies
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<b>Available grade</b>	Achieved, Merit, and Excellence
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<b>Criteria for Merit</b>	<p>The description of each form of government demonstrates clear understanding by including relevant supporting detail. Supporting detail may include but is not limited to any one of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• people and/or institutions involved;</li> <li>• particular facts, events or processes;</li> <li>• particular legislation;</li> <li>• case law, media reports.</li> </ul>
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<b>Criteria for Excellence</b>	The description demonstrates thorough understanding of concepts of democracy and government by including a range of similarities and differences between each form of government.
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## Guidance Information

- 1 **Definition**  
*Another form of government* refers to a form of government, other than New Zealand's, such as – theocracy, oligarchy, dictatorship, another form of democracy. A *characteristic* is a key feature of a form of government and may include but is not limited to – suffrage, elections, human rights, media, executive power, rule of law and judicial processes, treatment of minorities.
- 2 This unit standard can be awarded with an Achieved, Merit, or Excellence grade. For the Achieved grade to be awarded, all outcomes must be achieved as specified in the outcome statement(s). For Merit or Excellence grades to be awarded, the candidate must meet the Merit or Excellence criteria specified above.
- 3 Teaching and learning guidelines that inform legal studies as it is taught in New Zealand can be found at <http://seniorsecondary.tki.org.nz/Social-sciences/Legal-studies>. Assessment support material for these standards can be found via <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/legalstudies>.

## Outcomes and performance criteria

### Outcome 1

Demonstrate understanding of concepts of democracy and government.

### Performance criteria

1.1 Concepts of democracy and government are described, in relation to three characteristics for each of New Zealand's system and another form of government.

Range concepts of democracy and government may include but are not limited to – rule of law, checks and balances, separation of powers, rights and their limitations, civil liberties; supporting detail includes – identifying specific examples of actual events from New Zealand or overseas, past or present.

<b>Planned review date</b>	31 December 2022
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### Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

Process	Version	Date	Last Date for Assessment
Registration	1	14 December 2012	31 December 2019
Review	2	23 November 2017	N/A

<b>Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference</b>	0226
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This CMR can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

### Comments on this unit standard

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