

Title	Demonstrate understanding of foundational concepts of justice		
Level	1	Credits	4

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to demonstrate understanding of foundational concepts of justice.
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Classification	Social Science Studies > Legal Studies
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Available grade	Achieved, Merit, and Excellence
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Criteria for Merit	<p>The description of foundational concepts 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"> • particular facts and/or events; • particular legislation; • case law, media reports.
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Criteria for Excellence	The description demonstrates thorough understanding of the foundational concepts of justice by making links between each concept and its specific example.
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Guidance Information

- 1 *Specific examples* within foundational concepts may include:
 - for the foundational concept of balancing competing claims: name suppression; law of defamation.
 - for the foundational concept of impartiality: judge and jury system; inadmissibility of evidence of prior convictions.
 - for the foundational concept of equity: judicial discretion at sentencing; relationship property division.
 - for the foundational concept of coercive power: the death penalty; contempt of court.
- 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 at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/legalstudies>.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Demonstrate understanding of foundational concepts of justice.

Performance criteria

1.1 Foundational concepts of justice are described, with supporting detail, in relation to their application.

Range foundational concepts include two of – balancing competing claims, impartiality, equity, coercive power; supporting detail includes – identifying specific examples of actual events from New Zealand or overseas, past or present.

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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

Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference	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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