

Title	Describe concepts of justice		
Level	1	Credits	4

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to describe 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 two concepts of justice in relation to their application is demonstrated by selecting and applying relevant supporting detail that may include but is not limited to any one of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • particular facts and legislation; • past or present events from New Zealand and overseas, • case law; • news media reports.
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Criteria for Excellence	<p>The description of two concepts of justice in relation to their application is demonstrated by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • referring to actual examples; • selecting and applying a range of relevant supporting detail; • drawing clear conclusions.
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Guidance Information

- 1 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>.

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.

2 Definitions

Actual examples of concepts of justice may include:

- for the concept of balancing competing claims – name suppression; law of defamation;
- for the concept of impartiality – judge and jury system; inadmissibility of evidence of prior convictions;
- for the concept of equity – judicial discretion at sentencing; relationship property division;
- for the concept of coercive power – the death penalty; contempt of court.

Case law refers to the collection of past legal decisions written by courts and similar tribunals in the course of deciding cases, in which the law was analysed using these cases to resolve ambiguities for deciding current cases. These past decisions are called "case law", or precedent.

News media refers to factual reporting and journalistic narratives in print media, broadcast media and the Internet.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Describe concepts of justice.

Performance criteria

1.1 Two concepts of justice are described in relation to their application.

Range concepts include – balancing competing claims, impartiality, equity, coercive power.

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Review	3	2 March 2023	N/A

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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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