

Title	Demonstrate understanding of concepts of law		
Level	1	Credits	4

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to demonstrate understanding of concepts of law.
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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 includes an example of a law and makes connection(s) between:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the reasons for the development of the law, and • the characteristics and effectiveness of the law.
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Criteria for Excellence	<p>The description demonstrates insightful understanding of the connection(s) between:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the reasons for the development of the law, and • the characteristics and effectiveness of the law.
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Guidance Information

- 1 Definition
Connection(s) refer to aspects such as similarities and differences, cause and effect.
- 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 concepts of law.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Concepts of law are described in relation to the reasons for developing laws and the characteristics of an effective law.

Range reasons for the development of laws include three from – resolving conflict, regulating social relationships, maintaining order, protecting persons and property, promoting equity, ensuring the protection of human rights;
characteristics of an effective law include two from – enforceable, recognised, unambiguous.

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Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions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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