

Title	Explain concepts of law		
Level	2	Credits	4

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to explain 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 explanation of one key element for each of the two concepts of law is developed by including relevant supporting detail. Supporting detail may include but is not limited to any one of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the importance of the key element to the specific examples; • particular facts within the specific examples; • particular legislation; • case law, media reports.
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Criteria for Excellence	The explanation of one key element for each concept of law is fully developed by applying the concept of law to a specific example.
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Guidance Information

1 Definitions

Concepts of law are the ideas and understandings that underpin the discipline of law. Examples include but are not limited to: customary law; human rights; freedom of the press; national sovereignty; natural justice; negligence, contract, crime, property, privacy.

Key elements are the generally accepted components of a concept of law; for example, the elements of the concept of crime would include actus reus, mens rea, prohibition by statute.

Specific examples refer to actual events from New Zealand or overseas, past or present.

- 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

Explain concepts of law.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Concepts of law are defined and explained in terms of the key elements for each in relation to specific examples.

Range key elements for each of two concepts of law.

Replacement information	This unit standard replaced unit standard 8543 and unit standard 8554.
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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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