

Title	Demonstrate understanding of litigation and dispute resolution processes in New Zealand		
Level	1	Credits	4

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to demonstrate understanding of litigation and dispute resolution processes in New Zealand.
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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>Litigation and dispute resolution processes are described to demonstrate detailed understanding with relevant supporting detail including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the hierarchy and inter-relationship of the New Zealand courts; • the terminology used in civil and criminal law cases; • possible outcomes.
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Criteria for Excellence	The description demonstrates insightful understanding of litigation and dispute resolution processes by comparing civil and criminal processes, with reference to specific cases.
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Guidance Information

- 1 For the purposes of this unit standard, it is recognised that the distinction between litigation and dispute resolution processes may vary depending on the legal systems chosen.
- 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 litigation and dispute resolution processes in New Zealand.

Performance criteria

1.1 Litigation and dispute resolution processes are identified in relation to criminal and civil cases in the New Zealand court and tribunal system.

Range New Zealand court system includes – District Court, High Court, Court of Appeal, Supreme Court; and one of – Youth Court, Family Court, Employment Court; tribunal may include but is not limited to one of – Waitangi Tribunal, Tenancy Tribunal, Disputes Tribunal, Human Rights Review Tribunal; litigation and dispute resolution processes include – New Zealand courts and tribunals in terms of their jurisdiction; the key features of roles of at least two key participants; civil and criminal law in terms of subject matter, burden and standard of proof.

Replacement information	This unit standard replaced unit standard 8546 and unit standard 8547.
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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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