

<b>Title</b>	<b>Describe litigation processes in New Zealand</b>		
<b>Level</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>4</b>

<b>Purpose</b>	People credited with this unit standard are able to describe litigation processes in New Zealand.
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<b>Classification</b>	Social Science Studies > Legal Studies
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<b>Available grade</b>	Achieved, Merit, and Excellence
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<b>Criteria for Merit</b>	<p>The description of the litigation processes in New Zealand 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"> <li>• particular facts and legislation;</li> <li>• past or present events from New Zealand and overseas;</li> <li>• case law;</li> <li>• news media reports.</li> </ul>
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<b>Criteria for Excellence</b>	<p>The description of the litigation processes in New Zealand is demonstrated by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• comparing civil and criminal processes;</li> <li>• referring to actual cases;</li> <li>• selecting a range of relevant supporting detail;</li> <li>• drawing clear conclusions.</li> </ul>
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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

*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.

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## Outcomes and performance criteria

### Outcome 1

Describe litigation processes in New Zealand.

### Performance criteria

- 1.1 Litigation processes are described 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 processes include – New Zealand courts and tribunals in terms of their hierarchy and inter-relationship; 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; possible outcomes.

<b>Replacement information</b>	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

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<b>Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference</b>	0226
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This CMR can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

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