

Title	Describe law making processes		
Level	1	Credits	4

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to describe law making processes.
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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 law making processes in two different law making systems 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"> • case studies; • actual examples; • statistics; • legislative time frames.
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Criteria for Excellence	<p>The description of law making processes in two different law making systems is demonstrated by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • comparing law making systems and their processes; • 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 refer to actual law making processes from New Zealand or overseas, past or present.

A *law making process* is a series of actions, changes, or functions resulting in the creation of new law or the repeal or amendment of existing law. This may include common law.

Tikanga is the right or correct way of doing things within Māori society. It is a system comprised of practice, principles, process and procedures, and traditional knowledge. Tikanga encompasses Māori law. It provides processes for dispute resolution, prescribes authority for decision-making (and constraints on that authority) and has distinctive mechanisms for enforcement and remedy.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Describe law making processes.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Law making processes are identified and described in relation to the key steps in two different law making systems.

Range law making systems may include but are not limited to – national and local systems from New Zealand including tikanga Māori, international, historical, customary; at least one system must be from New Zealand.

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Review	3	2 March 2023	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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