

Title	Explain a law making process		
Level	2	Credits	4

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to explain a law making process.
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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 the law making process 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"> • describing differing viewpoints; • source details; • case studies, examples, statistics; • media reports.
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Criteria for Excellence	The explanation of the law making process is fully developed by discussing differing viewpoints in terms of the known and/or predicted effects of the evolution of a specific law.
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Guidance Information

1 Definitions

Agent is an individual or body that instigates the law making process. Examples of agent include – Law Commission, a commission of enquiry, a lobby group, citizens initiated referendum, political party manifesto, public official, private individual, Member of Parliament.

Viewpoints represent the opinions of individuals, organisations, governments or commentators. Viewpoints can derive from a variety of sources including media, social media, textbook sources. *Differing viewpoints* refers to such viewpoints as the dissenting, minority, or alternative viewpoints of involved parties or external commentators.

2 The chosen law making process will be based on an actual issue such as changing the alcohol purchasing age or changes in gun laws, and reference will be made to a specific existing law.

3 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.

- 4 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 a law making process.

Range includes one of – legislative process, judge-made law, the law reform process, customary law, law from tradition or religion, status of Treaty of Waitangi.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Law making process is explained, with supporting detail, in terms of the evolution of a specific law.

Range reason(s) and/or need(s) for the law, key features and/or steps, agent; supporting detail includes – background, relevant names, dates, identifying differing viewpoints.

Replacement information	This unit standard replaced unit standard 8544.
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Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

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Review	2	23 November 2017	N/A

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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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