

Title	Explain systems for the formation of central government, and their consequences in a New Zealand context		
Level	2	Credits	4

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to explain systems for the formation of central government, and their consequences in a New Zealand context.
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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 systems of central government formation is developed by including relevant supporting detail:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the impact of the different approaches to formation of government on democracy in New Zealand; and • describing strength(s) and weakness(es) for each approach to the formation of government; and • describing differing viewpoints.
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Criteria for Excellence	The explanation of systems of central government formation and their formation and operation is fully developed by discussing how the systems of government in New Zealand and their operation are influenced by their formation, with reference to a specific example.
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Guidance Information

- 1** Definitions

MMP means Mixed Member Proportional in the New Zealand context.

Specific example refers to an actual or hypothetical event from New Zealand or overseas, past or present.

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** 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 systems for the formation of central government, and their consequences in a New Zealand context.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Systems for the formation of central government are explained and compared, with supporting detail, in terms of their key element(s).

Range MMP and one other system;
key elements include – electoral process, subsequent formation of a government, parliamentary system;
supporting detail includes but is not limited to – reference to past elections, identifying strength(s) and weakness(es) for each system, identifying differing viewpoints of the system.

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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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