

Title	Evaluate systems of government and their formation		
Level	3	Credits	4

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to evaluate systems of government and their formation.
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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	The evaluation of the key elements of the systems of government and their formation is developed by discussing the strength(s) and weakness(es) of each of New Zealand's system and a system from another country.
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Criteria for Excellence	The evaluation of the key elements of systems of government and their formation is fully developed by considering actual and/or possible consequences. Consequences may be for any one of, but not limited to – future law making, societal development, civic engagement, economic development, environmental development.
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Guidance Information

- 1 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 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

Evaluate systems of government and their formation.

Performance criteria

1.1 Systems of government and their formation are evaluated in relation to their key elements.

Range New Zealand's system of government in relation to one other country;
systems of government may include but are not limited to – constitutional monarchy, theocracy, federal, dictatorship, absolute monarchy, Islamic republic;
key elements may include but are not limited to – voting methods, parliamentary systems, constitutional arrangements, legislative process;
evidence is required for at least three key elements for each system.

1.2 Strength(s) and weakness(es) of the systems of government and their formation are described.

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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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