

Title	Demonstrate knowledge of the legislative framework relevant to small wastewater systems		
Level	3	Credits	5

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to demonstrate knowledge of the legislative framework relevant to small wastewater systems.
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Classification	Water Industry > Wastewater Treatment
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

- 1 Evidence presented for assessment against this unit standard must be consistent with safe working practices and be in accordance with applicable legislative and industry requirements.
- 2 Legislation and references relevant to this unit standard include:
 - Health and Safety at Work Act 2015
 - Taumata Arowai – the Water Services Regulator Act 2020
 - Water Services Act 2021
 - Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996
 - Health and Safety at Work (Hazardous Substances) Regulations 2017
 - Resource Management Act 1991
 - Resource Management (National Environmental Standard for Sources of Human Drinking Water) Regulations 2007, and subsequent amendments;
 - *National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020* available from <https://environment.govt.nz/>.
- 3 **Definitions**
Industry requirements include manufacturers' specifications; and enterprise requirements which may include documented workplace policies, procedures, specifications, business, and quality management requirements relevant to the workplace in which assessment is carried out.
Small wastewater system refers to a system treating wastewater from 50 to 500 people, and which includes collection, treatment, and discharge.
- 4 Learning and assessment activities for this unit standard must be informed by *Te Mana o te Wai* (refer to [Taumata Arowai](https://environment.govt.nz/)) and the *National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020* available from <https://environment.govt.nz/>.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Demonstrate knowledge of the legislative framework relevant to small wastewater systems.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Legislation relating to water services are described in terms of the responsibilities of small wastewater system operator and the consequences of non-compliance.
- Range Taumata Arowai – the Water Services Regulator Act 2020, Water Services Act 2021.
- 1.2 The regulatory strategy administered by Taumata Arowai is described in terms of the implications for small wastewater system operators.
- 1.3 Responsibilities of small wastewater system operators regarding hazardous substances are outlined in accordance with Hazardous Substances and New Organisms (HSNO) Act 1996 and Health and Safety at Work (Hazardous Substances) Regulations 2017.
- 1.4 The Resource Management Act 1991 is described in terms of purpose, reporting procedures, conditions of consents, and implications for small wastewater system operators.
- 1.5 The National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020 is described in terms of the implications for small wastewater system operators.

Replacement information	This unit standard replaced unit standard 24916.
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Comments on this unit standard

Please contact Waihanga Ara Rau Construction and Infrastructure Workforce Development Council at qualifications@waihanga.nz if you wish to suggest changes to the content of this unit standard.