

Title	Demonstrate knowledge of the legislative framework relevant to small drinking-water systems		
Level	3	Credits	5

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to demonstrate knowledge of the legislative framework relevant to small drinking-water systems.
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Classification	Water Industry > Water 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 Organisations 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 drinking-water system refers to a drinking-water supply servicing from 50 to 500 people; and which includes catchment, source, treatment, and distribution.
- 4 Learning and assessment activities for this unit standard must be informed by *Te Mana o te Wai* (refer to [Taumata Arowai](#)) and the *National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020*. Link above.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Demonstrate knowledge of the legislative framework relevant to small drinking-water systems.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Legislation relating to water services is described in terms of the responsibilities of a small drinking-water 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 drinking-water system operators.
- 1.3 Responsibilities of small drinking-water 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 drinking-water system operators.
- 1.5 The Resource Management (National Environmental Standard for Sources of Human Drinking Water) Regulations 2007 are described in terms of the consequences of non-compliance.
- 1.6 The National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020 is described in terms of the implications for small drinking-water system operators.

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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.