

Title	Discuss the social implications of information technology		
Level	3	Credits	3

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to discuss the past impact, and the future implications, of information technology on various aspects of society.
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Classification	Computing > Generic Computing
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Available grade	Achieved
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Explanatory notes

- 1 Range
Aspects of society includes – copyright, crime, commerce, privacy, security, ethics, culture, economics, education, employment, health, politics, organisations, international affairs, leisure, safety, public morality, social interaction.
At least three aspects must be discussed.
- 2 The discussion must do more than just describe or identify the aspects and their impact on society. It must include connections to concepts and draw conclusions from available information. Sources of information contained in the discussion must be referenced.
- 3 Definitions
Information technology means telecommunications as well as computer information processing that helps produce, manipulate, store, show, and communicate or disseminate information.
Significant social impact for the purpose of this unit standard means the effect that information technology has had in contributing to change in the social fabric of a community and/or wellbeing of individuals and families, and includes both positive and negative effects.
- 4 Legislation relevant to this unit standard includes but is not limited to the:
Copyright Act 1994
Copyright (New Technologies) Amendment Act 2008
Harmful Digital Communications Act 2015
Health and Safety at Work Act 2015
Privacy Act 1993
Unsolicited Electronic Messages Act 2007
and any subsequent amendments.
Current legislation and regulations can be accessed at <http://legislation.govt.nz>
- 5 An assessment resource to support computing unit standards (levels 1 to 4) can be found on the NZQA website at www.nzqa.govt.nz/asm.

6 References

ACC5637 Guidelines for Using Computers - Preventing and managing discomfort, pain and injury. Accident Compensation Corporation - Department of Labour, 2010; available from Worksafe New Zealand, at <http://www.business.govt.nz/worksafe/information-guidance/all-guidance-items/guidelines-for-using-computers>.

Outcomes and evidence requirements

Outcome 1

Discuss the past impact of information technology on various aspects of society.

Evidence requirements

1.1 The discussion identifies trends in information technology that have had a significant social impact.

Range a minimum of two trends for each aspect discussed.

1.2 The discussion considers the likely social outcomes if the past trends in information technology had not occurred.

Outcome 2

Discuss the future implications of information technology on various aspects of society.

Evidence requirements

2.1 The discussion includes current trends in information technology that are likely to have a significant social impact in the future.

Range a minimum of two trends for each aspect discussed.

2.2 The discussion considers likely future trends in information technology and describes their social impact.

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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>.

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Requirements for consent to assess and an outline of the moderation system that applies to this standard are outlined in the Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR). The CMR also includes useful information about special requirements for organisations wishing to develop education and training programmes, such as minimum qualifications for tutors and assessors, and special resource requirements.

Comments on this unit standard

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