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.

Classification	Computing > Generic Computing

Available grade	Achieved

Guidance Information

1   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.

2   Definitions
Aspects of society refers to copyright, crime, commerce, privacy, security, ethics, culture, economics, education, employment, health, politics, organisations, international affairs, leisure, safety, public morality, social interaction, social media.
Information technology is the common term for the entire spectrum of technologies for information processing and related to computing technology, such as networking, hardware, software, the internet or the people that work with these technologies.
S*ignificant social impact* for the purpose of this unit standard means the effect that information technology has 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.

3   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 2020
Unsolicited Electronic Messages Act 2007
and any subsequent amendments.
Current legislation and regulations can be accessed at http://legislation.govt.nz.

4   Reference
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 https://www.worksafe.govt.nz/topic-and-industry/work-related-health/ergonomics/safely-using-computers-at-work/.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

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

Range   at least three aspects of society must be discussed.

Performance criteria

1.1   Trends in information technology that have had a significant social impact are identified and discussed.

   Range a minimum of two trends for each aspect discussed.

1.2   The likely social outcomes if the past trends in information technology had not occurred are considered and discussed.

Outcome 2

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

Range   at least three aspects of society must be discussed.

Performance criteria

2.1   Trends in information technology that are likely to have a significant social impact in the future are discussed.

   Range a minimum of two trends for each aspect.

2.2   Likely future trends in information technology and their social impact are described.

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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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