

Title	Describe factors contributing to, and consequences of, crime		
Level	2	Credits	3

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to describe crime, factors contributing to crime, and consequences of crime.
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Classification	Social Science Studies > Legal Studies
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

- 1 Legislation relevant to this unit standard includes:
Crimes Act 1961
Summary Offences Act 1981
Sentencing Act 2002
Bail Amendment Act 2011.
- 2 Definition
Non-legal consequences of crime may be any of – economic, cultural, social, or psychological effects.
- 3 Useful references for this unit standard include but are not limited to:
 - Ministry of Justice website: <https://www.justice.govt.nz/about/learn-about-the-justice-system/explore-the-criminal-justice-system/>
 - New Zealand Legislation website: <http://legislation.govt.nz/>.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Describe crime.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 The existence of a crime is described in terms of the elements that define crime.

Range act committed or omission of duty, prohibited by statute, intention (where it applies).

1.2 Categories of crime are described.

Range categories include crime against – the person, property, morality, the state, administration of justice.
a minimum of one example of at least three different categories of crime is required.

Outcome 2

Describe factors contributing to crime.

Performance criteria

2.1 Factors that may contribute to criminal offending are described in terms of their possible influence on potential criminals.

Range may include – family, poverty, attitudes, alcohol and drugs, education, media, social media, social intolerance;
assessment evidence for two factors is required.

Outcome 3

Describe consequences of crime.

Performance criteria

3.1 A specified crime is described in terms of its non-legal consequences.

Range includes one non-legal consequence for each of – the offender, the victim(s), the community.

3.2 Criminal sanctions are described in terms of their aims.

Range includes – punishment retribution, deterrence, rehabilitation, compensation, community protection.

3.3 Criminal sentences are described in terms of their distinctive features.

Range at least four sentences are described.

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Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

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Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference

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This CMR can be accessed at <https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

Comments on this unit standard

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