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| <b>Title</b> | <b>Describe a social institution</b> |                |          |
| <b>Level</b> | <b>1</b>                             | <b>Credits</b> | <b>4</b> |

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| <b>Purpose</b> | People credited with this unit standard are able to describe a social institution. |
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| <b>Classification</b> | Social Science Studies > Sociology |
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| <b>Available grade</b> | Achieved, Merit, and Excellence |
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| <b>Criteria for Merit</b> | Describe a social institution in detail. |
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| <b>Criteria for Excellence</b> | Comprehensively describe a social institution. |
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### Guidance Information

- 1 Sociology is the rigorous and methodical study of society. Sociologists investigate the structure of groups, organisations, and societies, and how people interact in these contexts.
- 2 This unit standard can be awarded with an *Achieved*, *Merit*, or *Excellence* grade as specified below.

*Describe a social institution* means to identify key characteristics of the social institution, and describe the social institution in terms of its influence on individuals and on society.

*Describe a social institution in detail* means to support the description with relevant detail, such as: aspects of the institutions structure and organisation, and the various people, processes and structures involved in maintaining the institution. The description should be supported with appropriate evidence and examples.

*Comprehensively describe a social institution* means to describe the role norms and values play in maintaining/reproducing the social institution. The description must be supported with a range of appropriate evidence and examples.

- 3 **Definition**  
Social institutions organise the basic areas of social life and contribute to complex integrated sets of norms and values, which are reproduced through institutions such as (but not limited to): family and kinship, government, law and order, economy, education, media, health, and religion.

- 4 Assessment support material related to this unit standard can be found at <https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/providers-partners/assessment-and-moderation-of-standards/assessment-of-standards/assessment-support-material/>.

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## Outcomes and performance criteria

### Outcome 1

Describe a social institution.

### Performance criteria

- 1.1 Key characteristics of the social institution are identified.
- 1.2 The social institution is described in terms of its influence on individuals and on society.

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| <b>Planned review date</b> | 31 December 2021 |
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### Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

| Process               | Version | Date              | Last Date for Assessment |
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| Registration          | 1       | 6 December 1996   | 31 December 2015         |
| Revision              | 2       | 7 July 1999       | 31 December 2015         |
| Review                | 3       | 22 August 2014    | N/A                      |
| Rollover and Revision | 4       | 27 September 2018 | N/A                      |

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| <b>Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference</b> | 0226 |
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This CMR can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

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### Comments on this unit standard

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