

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

<b>Purpose</b>	People credited with this unit standard are able to describe a social structure.
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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 structure in detail.
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<b>Criteria for Excellence</b>	Comprehensively describe a social structure.
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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 structure* means to spell out the main ideas, characteristics or components of a social structure.

*Describe a social structure in detail* means to describe how the social structure shapes and influences identities and behaviours and the individuals, groups and institutions involved. The description should be supported with appropriate evidence and examples.

*Comprehensively describe a social structure* means to support the description with a comprehensive range of appropriate evidence and examples.

3 **Definition**  
Social structures shape identities and social interactions. They may include, but are not limited to, ethnicity, gender, age, and class.

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/>.

## Outcomes and performance criteria

### Outcome 1

Describe a social structure.

### Performance criteria

- 1.1 The social structure is described in terms of its influence on individuals and/or on society.

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### Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

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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>.

### Comments on this unit standard

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