

Title	Examine a social structure		
Level	2	Credits	4

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to examine a social structure.
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Classification	Social Science Studies > Sociology
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Available grade	Achieved, Merit, and Excellence
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Criteria for Merit	Examine a social structure in detail.
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Criteria for Excellence	Comprehensively examine 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.

Examine a social structure means to investigate the main ideas, characteristics or components of social structures in order to provide an explanation of their influence on individuals, groups and society.

Examine a social structure in detail requires an informed explanation of the significance of the social structure. An informed explanation may involve:

- explaining how the social structure shapes and influences identities and behaviours;
- identifying the individuals and groups involved;
- providing an example(s) from New Zealand and/or other societies;
- drawing some conclusion(s) about the significance of the social structure.

Conclusion(s) must be drawn and supported with appropriate evidence and examples.

Comprehensively examine a social structure means to support the examination with a comprehensive range of appropriate evidence and examples.

- 3 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

Examine a social structure.

Performance criteria

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

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Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

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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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