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| Title | **Describe a social institution** | | |
| Level | **1** | **Credits** | **4** |

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| Purpose | People credited with this unit standard are able to describe a social institution. |

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| Classification | Social Science Studies > Sociology |

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| Available grade | Achieved |

**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. The description could include a consideration of Māori and/or Pasifika context(s).

*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.  
For this unit standard, the *institution* could be in a Māori and/or a Pasifika context(s).

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 institution.

**Performance criteria**

* 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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| Planned review date | 31 December 2026 |

**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 |
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| Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference | 0226 |

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

**Comments on this unit standard**

Please contact the SSB nqs@nzqa.govt.nz if you wish to suggest changes to the content of this unit standard.