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

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

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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 process* means to describe a social process in terms of its influence on individuals and society. The description could include a consideration of Māori and/or Pasifika context(s).

*Describe a social process in detail* means to identify and describe the interaction of various social structures, institutions, groups and individuals involved in the social process. The description should be supported with appropriate evidence and examples.

*Comprehensively describe a social process* means to describe in-depth a social process, including the role norms and values play in shaping the process. The description must be supported with a comprehensive range of appropriate evidence and examples.

3 Definition

Social processes are the means through which individual and social identities and relationships are shaped. They may include but are not limited to socialisation, stratification, and globalisation.

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 process.

**Performance criteria**

1.1 The social process 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**Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions**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 | 22 August 2014 | N/A |
| Rollover and Revision | 2 | 27 September 2018 | N/A |
| Review | 3 | XXX 2021 | N/A |

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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.