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| Title | **Examine a social process** | | |  |
| Level | **2** | **Credits** | **4** |  |

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| Purpose | People credited with this unit standard are able to examine 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.

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

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

* identifying and describing the interaction of various social structures, institutions, groups and individuals involved in the social process;
* identifying and explaining the reasons and/or functions for the process’s repetition or continuity, as well as the role of power.

Conclusion(s) must be drawn about the extent of the process’s influence supported with appropriate evidence and examples.

*Comprehensively examine a social process* means to demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of the social process and its influence on individuals and on society, including the power dynamics of the social process. The examination 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**

Examine a social process.

**Performance criteria**

1.1 The social process is examined 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.