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

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| 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 |

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

*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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| 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**Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions**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.