Legal Studies Assessment Support Material

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| **Unit standard** | 27841 | | | | |
| **Title** | Describe the purpose of law | | | | |
| **Level** | 1 | **Credits** | 4 | **Version** | 3 |

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**Ākonga/Learner Guidelines**

Introduction

In this assessment, you are required to describe the purpose of law, in relation to the reasons for developing laws and their characteristics.

Reasons for the development of laws must include three from – resolving conflict, regulating social relationships, maintaining order, protecting persons and property, promoting equity, ensuring the protection of human rights. Characteristics of an effective law must include two from – enforceable, recognised, and unambiguous.

**Award of Grades**

* For award with ***Achieved***,the purpose of law is described in relation to the reasons for developing laws and their characteristics.
* For award with ***Merit***,the description includes an actual example of a law, applies relevant supporting detail and makes connections between: the reasons for the development of the law, and the characteristics and effectiveness of the law.
* For award with ***Excellence***,the description is demonstrated by fully describing an actual law and applying a range of relevant supporting material and drawing clear conclusions about the reasons for the development of the law, and the characteristics and effectiveness of the law.

**Conditions of Assessment**

Assessors will set the conditions of assessment as appropriate.

**Assessment activity**

**Task One**

For this task, you must describe ***three reasons for the development of laws***.

* First circle the three reasons for the development of laws that you will go on to describe:

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| resolving conflict | protecting persons and property |
| regulating social relationships | promoting equity |
| maintaining order | ensuring the protection of human rights |

Now write a detailed description of each reason and include a real or hypothetical example of a law for each reason.

**Task Two**

For this task, you must describe ***two characteristics of an effective law***.

First circle the two characteristics of an effective law that you will go on to describe further:

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| Enforceable |
| Recognised |
| Unambiguous |

Now write a detailed description of both your chosen characteristics and include real or hypothetical example of a law for each characteristic.

**Task Three (for Merit and Excellence)**

For this task make connections between the reasons and the characteristics of the law, fully describe an actual law and draw conclusions about reasons for, and characteristics of, the law.