

Title	Describe the purpose of law		
Level	1	Credits	4

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to describe the purpose of law.
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Classification	Social Science Studies > Legal Studies
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Available grade	Achieved, Merit, and Excellence
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Criteria for Merit	<p>The description of the purpose of law is demonstrated by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • selecting an actual example of a law and applying relevant supporting detail; • making connections between the reasons for the development of the law; and the characteristics and effectiveness of the law.
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Criteria for Excellence	<p>The description of the purpose of law is demonstrated by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • fully describing an actual law and applying a range of relevant supporting detail; • drawing clear conclusions about the reasons for the development of the law; and the characteristics and effectiveness of the law.
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Guidance Information

- 1 Teaching and learning guidelines that inform legal studies as it is taught in New Zealand can be found at <http://seniorsecondary.tki.org.nz/Social-sciences/Legal-studies>. Assessment support material for these standards can be found at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/legalstudies>.

This unit standard can be awarded with an Achieved, Merit, or Excellence grade. For the Achieved grade to be awarded, all outcomes must be achieved as specified in the outcome statement(s). For Merit or Excellence grades to be awarded, the candidate must meet the Merit or Excellence criteria specified above.

- 2 Definitions
Connection(s) refer(s) to aspects such as similarities and differences, cause and effect.
Legal effectiveness refers to enforcing the law.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Describe the purpose of law.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 The purpose of law is described in relation to the reasons for developing laws and their characteristics.

Range reasons for the development of laws 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 include two from – enforceable, recognised, unambiguous.

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Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference	0226
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This CMR can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

Comments on this unit standard

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