



NZQA Assessment Support Material

Unit standard	27842				
Title	Explain concepts of law				
Level	2	Credits	4	Version	2

Student guidelines

Introduction

You have looked at and researched several broad or specific concepts of law over your recent course of study. You will be assessed on your ability to define and explain concepts of law in relation to specific examples.

AWARD OF GRADES

- For award with **Achieved**, concepts of law are identified and explained in terms of the key elements for each in relation to specific examples.
- For award with **Merit**, the explanation of one key element for each of the two concepts of law is developed by including relevant supporting detail such as:
 - the importance of the key element to the specific examples;
 - particular facts within the specific examples;
 - particular legislation;
 - case law, media reports.
- For award with **Excellence**, the explanation of one key element for each concept of law is fully developed by applying the concept of law to a specific example.



CONDITIONS OF ASSESSMENT

Assessors will set the conditions of assessment as appropriate.

Assessment Activity

Task One

For this task, you must define and explain a concept of law in relation to a legal scenario.

1. Circle one of the following broad or specific concepts of law that you will be explaining:

Customary law	Human rights	Freedom of the press
National sovereignty	Natural justice	Negligence
Contract	Crime	Property
Privacy	Other:	

2. Identify here what specific example you will be using in the explanation of your concept of law. (A specific example refers to an actual event from New Zealand or overseas, past or present.)

Example: _____

3. Write a description of your chosen concept of law:
 - defining it
 - covering its key elements (its generally accepted components, for example the elements of the concept of crime would include actus reus, mens rea, prohibition by statute) in relation to your specific example;
 - *for merit and excellence* expand on your description of one of the key features/elements so it is fully developed (for *excellence*), by referring to further detail such as:
 - the importance of the key feature/element to the specific example;
 - reference to particular facts or events within the specific example;
 - reference to relevant legislation, case law, media reports.

Task Two

For this task, you must define and explain a second concept of law in relation to a specific example.

1. Circle the second of the following broad or specific concepts of law that you will be explaining:

Customary law	Human rights	Freedom of the press
National sovereignty	Natural justice	Negligence
Contract	Crime	Property
Privacy	Other:	

2. Identify here what specific example you will be using in the explanation of your concept of law. (A specific example refers to an actual event from New Zealand or overseas, past or present.).

Example: _____

3. Write a description of your chosen concept of law:
 - defining it
 - covering its key elements (its generally accepted components, for example the elements of the concept of crime would include actus reus, mens rea, prohibition by statute) in relation to your specific example;
 - *for merit and excellence* expand on your description of one of the key features/elements so it is fully developed (for *excellence*), by referring to further detail such as:
 - the importance of the key feature/element to the specific example;
 - reference to particular facts or events within the specific example;
 - reference to relevant legislation, case law, media reports.

Resource requirements

There are no specific resources required.