



NZQA Assessment Support Material

Unit standard	27843				
Title	Evaluate a concept of law in relation to a specific situation				
Level	3	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 evaluate a concept of law in relation to a specific situation drawn from a contemporary or historical legal event.

AWARD OF GRADES

- For award with *Achieved*, students must evaluate a concept of law in relation to a specific situation.
- For award with *Merit*, the comparison of differing viewpoints about
 the application of a concept of law, or key element of a concept of law
 is developed by including relevant supporting detail in relation to the
 specific situation, such as media reports, case commentary, and
 expert commentary.
- For award with *Excellence*, the evaluation justifies a position about
 the application of the concept of law, or key element of a concept of
 law, by weighing up the arguments and counter-arguments related to
 the specific situation.



CONDITIONS OF ASSESSMENT

Assessors will set the conditions of assessment as appropriate.

Assessment Activity

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

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

2.	Identify here what specific situation you will be using in your evaluation.

- 3. Using your research on your chosen concept of law and specific situation, evaluate the concept of law by writing a series of paragraphs which answer the following questions:
 - a. How did the legal or judicial body apply your chosen concept of law (or key feature/element of this) in this situation?
 - b. Why did that body apply it in that manner?
 - c. What were the consequences of that body applying it in that way?
 - d. What were some differing viewpoints to those of the legal or judicial body (such as those from individuals, organisations, government or commentators, from media, social media or textbooks, and those from dissenting, minority, or alterative viewpoints from involved parties or external commentators)?
 - e. How do these viewpoints compare with each other? Where possible use supporting detail such as media reports, case commentary and expert commentary in your explanation [for merit/excellence].
 - f. What is your position on how the legal or judicial body applied the concept of law and why do you think this? [For excellence]. Specify and weigh up the arguments and counterarguments related to the specific situation.

Resource requirements

There are no specific resources required.