



NZQA Assessment Support Material

Unit standard	27850				
Title	Demonstrate understanding of New Zealand's system of government and its formation and operation				
Level	1	Credits	4	Version	2

Student guidelines

Introduction

In this assessment, you are required to demonstrate understanding of New Zealand's system of government and its formation and operation.

AWARD OF GRADES

- For award with **Achieved**, you must be able to demonstrate understanding of the current voting system in New Zealand, the subsequent formation of a government and its participants and the operation of the parliamentary style of government in New Zealand.
- For award with **Merit**, the description of New Zealand's system of government demonstrates detailed understanding by including relevant supporting detail, such as:
 - key elements of the Mixed Member Proportional voting system and the parliamentary system of government (e.g. one house, several parties, cabinet, Governor General); and
 - the role and authority of the main participants in its formation and operation.



AWARD OF GRADES - CONTINUATION



- For award with **Excellence**, the description of New Zealand's system of government demonstrates insightful understanding by using a developed actual example of a coalition to show the connection between the formation of an MMP government and its operation within the Parliament.

CONDITIONS OF ASSESSMENT

Assessors will set the conditions of assessment as appropriate.

Assessment Activity

This assessment activity is a presentation and can be in the form of a report as a political journalist; a PowerPoint presentation for a seminar; a wiki; or a blog, political style; or equivalent.

This assessment activity has three tasks.

Task One

You must describe the current voting system as used for the 2008 General Election in New Zealand and subsequent formation of a government with reference to NZ's parliamentary style of government.

Task Two

You must describe in detail the 2008 General Election in New Zealand and subsequent formation of a government with reference to key elements of MMP and NZ's parliamentary style of government, and the role and authority of the main participants in its formation and operation.

Task Three

You must demonstrate insightful understanding of New Zealand's system of government by using the 2008 General Election coalition process to show the connection between the formation of an MMP government and its operation within the Parliament.

Resource requirements

No specific resources are required.