Legal Studies Assessment Support Material

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| **Unit standard** | 27850 |
| **Title** | Describe New Zealand's system of government and the process for forming a government |
| **Level** | 1 | **Credits** | 4 | **Version** | 3 |

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**Ākonga/Learner Guidelines**

Introduction

In this assessment, you are required to describe New Zealand's system of government and the process for forming a government.

**Award of Grades**

* For award with ***Achieved***, you must describe New Zealand’s system of government in terms of the current voting system in New Zealand, the subsequent process and participants in the formation of a government, and the parliamentary style of government, in New Zealand.
* For award with ***Merit***, you must describe New Zealand’s system of government and the process for forming a government by selecting and applying relevant supporting detail that may include but is not limited to any one of:
* particular facts and legislation;
* present or past events events or processes from New Zealand and overseas;
* case law;
* news media reports.
* For award with ***Excellence***, you must describe New Zealand’s system of government and the process for forming a government by:
* referring to an actual example of a coalition to show how Government is formed under MMP;
* selecting a range of relevant supporting detail;
* drawing clear conclusions.

**Conditions of Assessment**

Assessors will set the conditions of assessment as appropriate.

**Assessment activity**

Develop and deliver a presentation that 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**

Describe the MMP voting system as used for a General Election in New Zealand; the subsequent process and participants involved in the formation of a government; and make reference to NZ’s parliamentary style of government.

**Task Two**

Describe in detail the chosen General Election in New Zealand, and the subsequent formation of a government, using relevant supporting detail.

**Task Three**

Describe New Zealand’s system of government. Use your chosen General Election coalition process to show how government is formed under MMP, using a range of relevant supporting detail, and drawing clear conclusions.

**Resource requirements**

No specific resources are required.