Legal Studies Assessment Support Material

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| **Unit standard** | 27851 |
| **Title** | Explain systems for the formation of central government in a New Zealand context |
| **Level** | 2 | **Credits** | 4 | **Version** | 3 |

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**Ākonga/Learner Guidelines**

Introduction

This assessment task requires you to explain systems for the formation of central government in a New Zealand context.

**Award of Grades**

* For award with ***Achieved***, systems for the formation of central government are explained, with supporting detail, in terms of their key element(s). Key elements include – key elements include – electoral process; subsequent formation of a government; parliamentary system; constitutional framework. Supporting detail includes – background, relevant names, dates, identifying differing viewpoints.
* For award with ***Merit***, the explanation of two systems for the formation of central government is demonstrated by selecting actual example(s) and applying relevant supporting detail that may include but is not limited to any one of:
* case studies
* statistics
* news media reports
* clearly explaining differing viewpoints.
* For award with ***Excellence***, the fully developed explanation of two systems for the formation of central government is demonstrated by:
* discussing differing viewpoints by referring to one actual example of each system
* selecting and applying a range of relevant supporting detail
* communicating clear conclusions.

**Conditions of Assessment**

Assessors will set the conditions of assessment as appropriate.

**Assessment activity**

**Task One**

1. Explain, with reference to the 1993 election, the First Past the Post (FPP) voting system as used in New Zealand, and with reference to any subsequent election that, the Mixed Member Proportional (MMP) voting system as used in New Zealand.

2. Explain the two different systems, with supporting material, in relation to their key elements.

**Task Two**

1. Explain, with reference to the 1993 election, the First Past the Post (FPP) election and subsequent formation of government, including relevant supporting detail: the impact of the different approaches to formation of government on democracy in New Zealand; and describing a strength and weakness for each approach to the formation of government; and describing different viewpoints.

2. Explain, with reference to any subsequent election that used the Mixed Member Proportional (MMP) election and subsequent formation of government, including relevant supporting detail: the impact of the different approaches to formation of government on democracy in New Zealand; and describing a strength and weakness for each approach to the formation of government; and describing different viewpoints.

**Task Three**

Using the 1993 and any subsequent election as an actual example, discuss how the FPP and MMP voting systems and subsequent systems of government and its operation were influenced by its formation.

## **Resource requirements**

There are no specific resource requirements for this standard.