

Title	Describe a social structure		
Level	1	Credits	4

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to describe a social structure.
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Classification	Social Science Studies > Sociology
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Available grade	Achieved, Merit and Excellence
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Criteria for Merit	<p>For merit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the findings are in detail • the conclusion(s) are supported by evidence from the enquiry data and use sociological ideas and concepts.
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Criteria for Excellence	<p>For excellence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the findings are in depth • the conclusion(s) are comprehensive and supported by evidence from the enquiry data and use sociological ideas and concepts.
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Guidance Information

- 1 Sociology is the rigorous and methodical study of society. Sociologists investigate the structure of groups, organisations, and societies, and how people interact in these contexts.
- 2 This unit standard can be awarded with an *Achieved*, *Merit*, or *Excellence* grade as specified below.

Describe a social structure means to spell out the main ideas, characteristics or components of a social structure. The description could include a consideration of Māori and/or Pasifika context(s).

Describe a social structure in detail means to describe how the social structure shapes and influences identities and behaviours and the individuals, groups and institutions involved. The description should be supported with appropriate evidence and examples.

Comprehensively describe a social structure means to support the description with a comprehensive range of appropriate evidence and examples.

- 3 Definition
Social structures shape identities and social interactions. They may include, but are not limited to, ethnicity, gender, age, and class.
- 4 Assessment support material related to this unit standard can be found at <https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/providers-partners/assessment-and-moderation-of-standards/assessment-of-standards/assessment-support-material/>.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Describe a social structure.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 The social structure is described in terms of its influence on individuals and/or on society.

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Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

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This CMR can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

Comments on this unit standard

Please contact the SSB nqs@nzqa.govt.nz if you wish to suggest changes to the content of this unit standard.