

# Learning Assessment Guide

## Unit Standard 14949 – Version 2

### Demonstrate introductory knowledge and understanding of New Zealand law

#### Level 3 – 3 Credits

Assessment Summary			
Learner to complete			
Learner's name:			
Employer:			
NSN no. (ROL):		DOB:	
Signed:		Date:	
Assessor to complete			
<input type="checkbox"/> Meets requirements <input type="checkbox"/> More training required <input type="checkbox"/> More evidence required			
Assessor's name:		Assessor's No.	
Signed:		Date:	

## Before you begin...

- As well as this Learning Assessment Guide, you may also want to refer to the unit standard from the NZQA website (<http://www.nzqa.govt.nz>).
- Read the Trainee Information Kit. The kit contains important information and guidelines for Learners and can be found on the Learning State website (<http://www.learningstate.govt.nz>) under Learners, then Learning Assessment Guides.
- Check the learning resources available for this unit standard on the Learning State website (<http://www.learningstate.govt.nz>) under Learners, then Learning Assessment Guides.

This Learning Assessment Guide is made up of:

- Assessment tasks for you to complete
- A copy of the Assessment Guide used to assess your competence with the unit standard.

The assessment tasks are designed to show your assessor that you can:

- describe features of the rule of law in New Zealand society
- describe New Zealand's court system.

These tasks can be completed orally or in writing. If completed in writing, please attach separate sheets of paper. These must be clearly labelled with your name and the task referred to. Your assessor may wish to ask further oral questions to supplement other evidence provided.

The Ministry of Justice website, [www.justice.govt.nz](http://www.justice.govt.nz) contains useful reference material.

## Assessment Task One – Element 1

This assessment task is designed to assess your ability to describe features of the rule of law in New Zealand society.

Answer the following questions.

1. Briefly explain how the concept of the rule of law applies to New Zealand society.
2. What are three types of law within the New Zealand legal system? Give a brief explanation of each.
3. Briefly describe the place of the judiciary within the New Zealand government.
4. The judiciary has a number of specific roles with regard to the law. These include :
  - upholding the law
  - interpreting the law
  - applying the law
  - making judgements on the basis if the law
  - reviewing the law
  - resolving disputes about the law
  - any other roles you are aware of.

Give a brief explanation and an example of the work of three of these roles.

5. There are many different officers in the New Zealand legal system. These include :
  - Court of Appeal judges
  - High Court judges
  - District Court judges
  - Justices of the Peace
  - Court Registrars
  - Police
  - any other you are aware of.

Give a brief explanation and an example of the work of three of these roles.

## Assessment Task Two – Element 2

This assessment task is designed to assess your ability to describe New Zealand's court system.

Answer the following questions.

1. New Zealand's court system consists of a range of different courts. List 6 courts (or types of court) and briefly describe what they do.
2. National bodies oversee the work of the New Zealand court system. These include :
  - Attorney General
  - Ministry of Justice
  - Department for Courts
  - Solicitor General and Crown Law Office
  - Law Commission
  - any others you may be aware of.

Give a brief explanation and an example of the work of three of these bodies.

3. Criminal and civil law and cases have different characteristics. Briefly describe key differences between criminal law and process and civil law and process.
4. There are a number of key players in jury trials. These include :
  - Presiding Judge
  - Jury
  - Foreman of the jury
  - Registrar
  - Witnesses
  - Prosecuting and defence counsel
  - accused
  - any others you may be aware of.

Briefly describe the role of three of the above.

## Assessment Guide

The following guide will be used to assess your competence with unit 14949 standard version 2: Demonstrate introductory knowledge and understanding of New Zealand law.

<b>Task / Element</b>	<b>Evidence Required</b>	<b>Judgment</b>	
<p><i>Task 1 / Element 1</i></p> <p>Learners are to provide assessor with responses to Questions 1 to 5.</p> <p>These can be presented orally or in writing.</p>	<p>Responses to Questions 1 to 5.</p> <p>Any supplementary questions clarify and where necessary expand on other material. These questions and the responses should be documented.</p>	<p>Responses generally conform to model answers.</p> <p>These must demonstrate that the learner can describe the features of the rule of law in New Zealand society.</p>	<p>Yes / No</p>
<p><i>Task 2 / Element 2</i></p> <p>Learners are to provide assessor with responses to Questions 1 to 4.</p> <p>These can be presented orally or in writing.</p>	<p>Learner provides responses to Questions 1 to 4.</p> <p>Any supplementary questions clarify and where necessary expand on other material. These questions and the responses should be documented.</p>	<p>Responses generally conform to model answers.</p> <p>These must demonstrate that the learner can describe New Zealand's court system.</p>	<p>Yes / No</p>