

Achievement Standard

Subject Reference	Mathematics and Statistics 3.14		
Title	Apply probability distributions in solving problems		
Level	3	Credits	4
		Assessment	External
Subfield	Statistics and Probability		
Domain	Probability		
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This achievement standard involves applying probability distributions in solving problems.

Achievement Criteria

Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply probability distributions in solving problems. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply probability distributions, using relational thinking, in solving problems. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply probability distributions, using extended abstract thinking, in solving problems.

Explanatory Notes

- This achievement standard is derived from Level 8 of *The New Zealand Curriculum*, Learning Media, Ministry of Education, 2007; and is related to the achievement objectives:
 - Investigate situations that involve elements of chance
 - calculating and interpreting expected values and standard deviations of discrete random variables
 - applying distributions such as the Poisson, binomial, and normal in the Statistics strand of the Mathematics and Statistics Learning Area. It is also related to the material in the *Teaching and Learning Guide for Mathematics and Statistics*, Ministry of Education, 2012, at <http://seniorsecondary.tki.org.nz>.
- Apply probability distributions in solving problems* involves:
 - selecting and using methods
 - demonstrating knowledge of concepts and terms
 - communicating using appropriate representations.

Relational thinking involves one or more of:

- selecting and carrying out a logical sequence of steps
- connecting different concepts or representations
- demonstrating understanding of concepts;

and also relating findings to a context or communicating thinking using appropriate statements.

Extended abstract thinking involves one or more of:

- devising a strategy to investigate or solve a problem
- identifying relevant concepts in context
- developing a chain of logical reasoning
- making a generalisation;

and also, where appropriate, using contextual knowledge to reflect on the answer.

3 *Problems* are situations that provide opportunities to apply knowledge or understanding of mathematical and statistical concepts and methods. Situations will be set in real-life or statistical contexts.

4 Methods are selected from those related to:

- discrete and continuous probability distributions
- mean and standard deviation of random variables
- distribution of true probabilities versus distribution of model estimates of probabilities versus distribution of experimental estimates of probabilities.

5 Assessment Specifications for this achievement standard can be accessed through the Mathematics and Statistics Resources page found at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/qualifications-standards/qualifications/ncea/subjects/>.

Replacement Information

This achievement standard replaced unit standard 5258 and AS90646.

Quality Assurance

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Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference

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