

Securities Law and Market Regulation in New Zealand (508N)

Overview

To provide students with an understanding of the legal system in New Zealand as it relates to the market. The subject will also provide an overview of the functions of key regulatory bodies, including the New Zealand Exchange Limited (NZX). Students will gain an understanding of how companies raise capital and establish a business or run existing ones, and the protection available to investors.

Learning Outcomes

- explain the regulatory framework of the securities industry in New Zealand
- outline the requirements for Market Participants and NZX Advisors
- discuss the rights and obligations of the NZX Firm/client relationship
- describe the listing and quotation of issuer's securities on the NZX
- outline the takeover provisions that apply to listed issuers
- discuss the regulation of trading conduct in regard to workplace activities and provisions designed to prevent market misconduct
- explain how companies differ from other business structures and identify the duties/rights of directors and shareholders.
- explain the regulatory framework of futures and options

Delivery Method

The primary method of delivery for this subject is distance education supported by comprehensive print, and online resources. Students will have access to an online subject room where a range of resources may be available. These include Discussion Forums, online applications and further resources.

Student assessment

Assessment Type	Assessed	Weighting
Assignment	Week 6	40%
Examination	Week 11	60%

Pre-requisites

There are no pre-requisites for this subject

Unit content and structure

Week	Topic
Topic 1	Fundamental Objectives of NZX and Stockmarket Regulation
Topic 2	Bodies which Regulate the Stockmarket
Topic 3	Listing and Quotation of Securities on NZX
Topic 4	Continuing Obligations of Listed Issuers under the Listing Rules
Topic 5	Takeovers
Topic 6	Business Structures
Topic 7	Effect of Common Law on Market Participants
Topic 8	Relationship between Client Advising Participants and Clients
Topic 9	Statutory Law Protection of Investors
Topic 10	Market Participants and Advisors
Topic 11	Trading Conduct
Topic 12	Futures and Options Regulation

Workload

Students in this subject would be expected to undertake between 10–11 hours of student effort per week. The grid below indicates the types of activities that students would undertake during the trimester.

Learning activity	Time allocated
Course notes, text book reading and additional reading	40
e-learning activities, subject room learning resources	25
Assessment preparation	55
Total hours	120

Additional Reading List

The following list of organisations provides the student with additional reading material on bodies which regulate the stockmarket.

- Securities Commission of New Zealand
- Takeovers Panel
- Ministry of Economic Development
- Commerce Commission
- Overseas Investment Office
- Office of the Privacy Commissioner
- Reserve Bank of New Zealand
- Accounting Standards Review Board
- Investments Savings and Insurance Association
- New Zealand Bankers' Association
- New Zealand Serious Fraud Office
- New Zealand Police