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Unit Title:	Precedent, Statute and Statutory Interpretation		
Graded Unit Code:	GA33LAW11	Ungraded Unit Code:	UA33LAW11
Pathway(s):	Business and Management Humanities and Social Science		
Module(s):	Law		
Level:	3	Credit Value:	3
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The following QAA grade descriptors must be applied if you are delivering the graded version of this unit:

1	Understanding of the subject
2	Application of knowledge
5	Communication and presentation
7	Quality

LEARNING OUTCOMES	ASSESSMENT CRITERIA
The learner will:	The learner can:
1. Understand how law is developed	1.1 Explain the parliamentary process by which laws are made
	1.2 Discuss the legal process through which the common law has developed
2. Understand the principal elements of Stare Decisis and how precedent operates within the hierarchy of the courts	2.1 Explain the principal elements of Stare Decisis
	2.2 Explain the operation of precedent in the hierarchy of the courts
	2.3 Evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of the doctrine of precedent
3. Understand the various canons of statutory interpretation	3.1 Explain why it is necessary for judges to interpret statute
	3.2 Explain what is meant by the term canons of statutory interpretation

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LEARNING OUTCOMES	ASSESSMENT CRITERIA
The learner will:	The learner can:
	3.3 Explain the following rules of statutory construction and illustrate each with examples from case history: a) Literal rule b) Golden rule c) Mischief rule