

Assessment Specifications

Scholarship Samoan 2025

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General information

Performance Standard:	93010
Assessment method:	Examination
Assessment medium:	Printed paper

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Format of the assessment

The exam consists of TWO parts, held in a three-hour time slot:

- first, a two-hour Writing section with two questions in response to spoken and written stimulus material in Samoan
- second, a short individual Speaking section, scheduled within a one-hour time slot, with one question in Samoan.

Section One: Writing (two hours)

Question One

This question will require a response, written in Samoan, to passage(s) spoken in Samoan, and provided as an audio file.

The Listening passage(s) will:

- require about 30 minutes of listening time
- be repeated three times: the first time as a whole, the second and third times in sections, with a pause after each section
- consist of no more than three passages
- be linked around a common theme.

Question Two

This question will require a response, written in English or te reo Māori, to stimulus material written in Samoan, provided in the question-and-answer booklet.

The written stimulus material will:

- consist of no more than three texts
- be linked around a common theme.

Section Two: Speaking (individual sessions within a one-hour time slot)

Question Three

Candidates will be required to give a spoken response of 3–4 minutes to a question related to the listening passage(s) and / or the written text(s). Both the question and the response will be in Samoan.

In the recording room, candidates will be given:

- a straightforward question
- paper and pen
- 10 minutes to make notes for an oral response to the question.

At the end of 10 minutes, candidates will speak for 3–4 minutes, in Samoan, in response to the question. Candidates may use their notes as they speak.

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Resources or information supplied

The following will be supplied:

- a question-and-answer booklet for each candidate
- an audio file of the Listening passage(s)
- a ‘Speaking Task’ card.

The school will provide a device and software on which to play the Listening passage(s), and to record the candidate’s spoken response.

Submission requirements

Submission instructions for NZ Scholarship Languages (Samoan) will be available to schools in Term 3.

Special assessment conditions

Refer to the NZQA website for further information:

[Aromatawai special assessment conditions](#)