

Assessment Specifications

Scholarship Technology 2026

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General information

Performance Standard:	93601
Assessment method:	Digitally submitted report
Assessment medium	Digital submission
Permitted file types:	One PDF report (and – if required – one digital file (mp3, mp4, wav, or avi) of supporting evidence)
Final date of submission:	28 October 2026

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Format of the assessment

The assessment will be in the form of a two-part reflective report, based on experiences in developing a technological outcome(s). It will communicate sustained synthesis, justification and critical reflection across the candidate's technological practice.

Technological experiences include:

- undertaking technological practice to develop a technological outcome(s) that is justified as fit for purpose in the broadest sense and shows elements of elegance and / or originality
- demonstrating understanding of concepts underpinning technological knowledge
- demonstrating understanding of the nature of technology.

A report is an organised collection of evidence that clearly communicates the candidate's knowledge, understanding, and skills relevant to the Scholarship Technology standard. It will be assessed in accordance with the 2026 Assessment schedule. Markers will assess the reflective report for evidence of:

- synthesis and integration of technological experiences,
- justification of technological practice and outcome fitness,
- critical reflection and extrapolation across contexts.

Submission Requirements for Part A Reflective Report:

- Maximum length: 30 single-sided A4 pages.
- Typeface: 12-point Arial (or similar).

- Margins: 2.5 cm (top, bottom, left, right).
- File format: PDF.
- The assessment submission will consist of two integrated components, submitted together as ONE DOCUMENT digitally.
- Internet links are not permitted. Linked content will not display and will not be considered.
- Images used in the visual portfolio (part B) must be clearly referenced by number when cited in the written report, ensuring explicit links between the visual evidence and the relevant discussion.
- A limited number of additional images, other than those used in Part B (Visual), may be inserted within the Part A written report. These must be deliberately selected, clear, and legible. The overall report length must not exceed 30 pages. Written reports exceeding 30 pages will not be marked beyond the first 30 pages.

Part B Portfolio of Development – Visual Evidence

These visually support and illustrate key stages or aspects of the candidate's technological development, decision-making, testing, and reflection as referenced in Part A written reflective report.

This is to be the second part of your single document submission, placed immediately after Part A, (written report) within the single document.

Submission Requirements for Part B Portfolio of Development:

- Maximum portfolio length: 10 × A4 pages.
- A maximum of four images may be included per page. Where more than 40 images in part B are submitted in total, only the first 40 images in part B will be considered.
- Each image is to be numbered (1 -40) and may be accompanied by a brief description or caption of no more than 25 words. This should clearly identify what the image shows and describe its significance to the project. Extended explanation, synthesis, and justification must occur in Part A.
- A minimum font size of 10-point must be used, and all text must be clearly legible.
- Images may include photographs, sketches, diagrams, screen captures, models, prototypes, testing evidence, or contextual use. Images must be selectively chosen and used to demonstrate and/or support the critical **decisions made** throughout the full development of the outcome, from initial exploration through to final resolution.
- Visual evidence included in the portfolio must be explicitly referenced and explained within the reflective report, and should clearly support synthesis, justification, and critical reflection.
- The visual portfolio must be included within the same PDF as the reflective report (submitted together as ONE DOCUMENT digitally).

Use of Visual Evidence

Images are not assessed independently. Images:

- do not replace written reflection or justification
- serve to support, clarify, and anchor evidence presented in the reflective report
- must be referenced within the relevant section of the written report.

Video evidence (optional)

- Students may choose to submit one video in a separate file (either mp3, mp4, wav, avi), of no more than 60 seconds showing the completed outcome in context. Any content beyond the first 60 seconds or completed outcome in context, will not be considered.
- Any video evidence needs to support synthesis, justification, and critical reflection within the reflective report

Conditions of assessment

If ITC outcomes include websites, databases, apps, games, etc., these will not be accessed by the marker. Dynamic aspects should, therefore, be communicated using screen-capture techniques and / or video evidence.

If candidates have been involved in a group project, they must explicitly declare their individual role within the project, and report on their own work only. Where this is not clear, the marker may not see the evidence as belonging to the candidate. All work submitted must have been created by the candidate.

Candidates are not permitted to shrink pages (or font size) to include evidence that exceeds 40 single sided A4 pages.

The Scholarship entry must be the student's independent work. The use of chatbots, generative AI, paraphrasing tools, or other tools that can automatically generate content is not permitted when writing the report.

Submission requirements

Detailed submission instructions for Scholarship Technology will be available in Term 3 on the [Technology subject page](#).

Special assessment conditions

Refer to the NZQA website for further information:

[Aromatawai special assessment conditions](#)