

Assessment Specifications

Level 1 Design and Visual Communication 2025

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General information

Domain:	Design and Visual Communication
Standards:	92002, 92003
Assessment method:	Digitally submitted portfolio
Assessment medium:	Digital submission
Assessment event scheduling:	School-scheduled within NZQA-defined period
Final date for submission:	30 October 2025

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Information relating to all achievement standards

Conditions of assessment

Evidence must be produced during the 2025 school year and curated prior to submission.

Design ideas or outcomes must be candidate generated. Class exercises are not accepted.

Candidates can complete work digitally or on paper, but submission is digital only.

The use of chatbots, generative AI, paraphrasing tools, or other tools that can automatically generate content is not permitted and material generated by these tools should not be submitted as part of the candidate's work. **CAD applications may be used.**

Authenticity

Teachers must closely supervise the process of evidence collection to ensure that candidates:

- do not copy from another person or source without appropriate acknowledgement
- do not receive guidance, scaffolding, instruction, assistance, or assessment conditions beyond what is specified as permissible in these Assessment Specifications.

Where a teacher cannot verify that the assessment submitted is the authentic work of the candidate, they must notify NZQA of a possible Candidate Breach of External Assessment.

Submission requirements

Please refer to individual standard information below to see file types.

A maximum of THREE files may be submitted per standard.

Information for candidates and schools on the NZQA digital submission portal is available on the NZQA website:

[Digital submission](#)

Schools are required to securely store a back-up copy (or originals) of all digital submissions.

Further submission instructions and authenticity requirements will be provided for schools in 2025.

Special assessment conditions

Refer to the NZQA website for further information:

[Aromatawai special assessment conditions](#)

Specific information for individual achievement standards

Standard:	92002
Title:	Develop product or spatial design ideas informed by the consideration of people
Version:	3
Number of credits:	5

Candidates will curate evidence that demonstrates their design thinking AND their consideration of people within their design ideas. Candidates will submit evidence in 2D, 3D, or 4D modes or a combination of these.

Evidence submitted **must not exceed 15 A3 pages** (or equivalent). Where a 4D mode is used, duration must not exceed one minute.

Evidence may be submitted as:

- Image files (JPG, JPEG) correctly edited, ordered, oriented, and named.
- Document files (PDF) correctly edited, ordered, oriented, and named.
- Video files (MP4) correctly edited, ordered, oriented, and named.

Note that only these file types may be submitted, and that other file types may not be able to be marked.

Refer also to other resources on the [subject page](#) of the NZQA website.

Standard:	92003
Title:	Use instrumental drawing techniques to communicate own product or spatial design outcome
Version:	3
Number of credits:	5

Candidates will submit drawings that demonstrate the use of instrumental drawing techniques to communicate their own product or spatial design.

Candidates must submit one set of drawings for ONE design outcome. The drawings must include both orthographic (2D) AND paraline (3D) drawings. Orthographic drawings must show a minimum of two views and there must be a minimum of one paraline drawing.

It is recommended candidates include sketches or design work where the features of the design outcome have been worked out. They are necessary to clarify the intent of the instrumental drawings.

Perspective drawings are not accepted for this standard.

Evidence submitted **must not exceed 5 A3 pages** (or equivalent).

Evidence may be submitted as:

- Image files (JPG, JPEG) correctly edited, ordered, oriented, and named.
- Document files (PDF) correctly edited, ordered, oriented, and named.

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