

Assessment Specifications

Level 1 New Zealand Sign Language 2025

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General information

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| Domain: | New Zealand Sign Language |
| Standards: | 92357, 92358 |
| Assessment method: | Digitally submitted assessment |
| Assessment medium: | Printed paper |
| Assessment event scheduling: | School-scheduled within NZQA-defined period |
| Final date for submission: | 29 October 2025 |

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Information relating to all achievement standards

Conditions of assessment

Each assessment should be conducted in TWO sessions, 45 minutes per session. Each session will have different assessment content.

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.

Special notes

Where responses are videoed, candidates should consider best practice for recording setup to ensure that all elements of signing are captured.

Special assessment conditions

Refer to the NZQA website for further information:

[Aromatawai special assessment conditions](#)

Information for candidates and schools on the NZQA digital submission portal is available on the NZQA website: [Digital submission](#)

Specific information for individual achievement standards

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| Standard: | 92357 |
| Title: | Demonstrate understanding of New Zealand Sign Language related to everyday contexts |
| Version: | 2 |
| Number of credits: | 5 |

Candidates will demonstrate their understanding of New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL) by producing evidence in response to an assessment activity provided by NZQA, which involves watching videos of signed texts related to everyday contexts.

Responses may be written in te reo Māori, English, or may be signed in NZSL

For written responses, candidates are encouraged to write no more than 300 words per session. For signed responses, candidates are encouraged to record 1–3 minutes per session.

Submission requirements (92357)

All evidence files must be uploaded using the NZQA digital submission process.

Written responses should be submitted as:

- TWO files (one per session)
- permitted file types: document (PDF, DOC, DOCX).

Signed responses should be submitted as:

- TWO video files (one per session)
- permitted file types: video (AVI, M4V, MP4, MOV, WEBM)
- file size maximum of 5GB.

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 [New Zealand Sign Language subject page](#).

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| Standard: | 92358 |
| Title: | Respond in New Zealand Sign Language related to everyday contexts |
| Version: | 2 |
| Number of credits: | 5 |

Candidates will demonstrate their communicative skills in New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL) by producing evidence in response to an assessment activity provided by NZQA, which involves responding in NZSL to simple visual and / or written prompts and questions.

Responses must be signed in NZSL by the candidate. Candidates are encouraged to record 1–3 minutes per session.

Submission requirements (92358)

Signed responses should be submitted as:

- TWO video files (one per session)
- permitted file types: video (AVI, M4V, MP4, MOV, WEBM)
- file size maximum of 5GB.

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

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