

# Assessment Specifications

## Level 3 Social Studies 2025

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### General information

<b>Domain:</b>	Social Studies
<b>Standards:</b>	91596, 91598
<b>Assessment method:</b>	Examination, end of year
<b>Assessment medium:</b>	Online digital examination or printed paper

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### Information relating to all achievement standards

Candidates will be required to give an account of relevant Social Studies concepts for each standard.

Information in planning spaces will not be marked.

Candidates are encouraged to write a concise response of no more than 800–900 words (5–6 pages). Assessment will be based on the quality of the response rather than its length.

Further information about digital external assessment can be found on the NZQA website.

[Digital external assessment](#)

### Special assessment conditions

Refer to the NZQA website for further information:

[Aromatawai special assessment conditions](#)

## Specific information for individual achievement standards

<b>Standard:</b>	91596
<b>Title:</b>	Demonstrate understanding of ideological responses to an issue
<b>Version:</b>	2
<b>Number of credits:</b>	4

Candidates will be expected to use knowledge, understanding, and skills learned during their Social Studies course.

The issue identified by the candidates must be current.

As part of their response, candidates will be required to discuss how **indigenous knowledge or globalisation** has shaped the ideological responses to their chosen issue.

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<b>Standard:</b>	91598
<b>Title:</b>	Demonstrate understanding of how ideologies shape society
<b>Version:</b>	2
<b>Number of credits:</b>	4

Candidates will be provided with a resource booklet and will be expected to analyse the resources, using skills learned during their Social Studies course.

A context statement will be provided in the March update to these specifications.