

Assessment Specifications

Level 2 Business Studies 2026

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General information

Domain:	Business Studies
Standards:	90843, 90844, 90845
Assessment method:	Examination, end of year
Assessment medium:	Online digital examination

[Business Studies subject page](#)

[National secondary examinations timetable](#)

Information relating to all achievement standards

Each standard will have ONE question with multiple parts.

Candidates should use business theory, knowledge of a large business, and /or a case study to illustrate their answers. A 'large business' refers to a business operating in New Zealand with more than 20 employees and /or with a regional or national significance.

The [Key Concepts](#) (enterprise, globalisation, citizenship, and sustainability) and the [Māori Concepts](#) (pūtake, tūranga, tikanga, kaitiakitanga, and rangatiratanga) are relevant to all achievement standards, and should be incorporated throughout a Business Studies programme.

Māori concepts that relate to business may be assessed. Where this occurs, candidates will be given a definition or explanation of the term in the examination paper, and they will be required to apply or explain the concept in relation to a specific business context. Candidates may refer to any Māori business concept for any answer where relevant.

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

[Digital external assessment](#)

Equipment required

Approved calculators are permitted.

Special assessment conditions

Refer to the NZQA website for further information:

[Aromatawai special assessment conditions](#)

Specific information for individual achievement standards

Standard:	90843
Title:	Demonstrate understanding of the internal operations of a large business
Version:	2
Number of credits:	4

A business context will be provided for the examination. Where applicable, candidates may use a large business they have studied to answer any part of the question, or the business context provided in the examination. There will be one part of the question where candidates will be required to refer to the actual business they have studied.

Standard:	90844
Title:	Demonstrate understanding of how a large business responds to external factors
Version:	3
Number of credits:	4

A business context will be provided for the examination. Where applicable, candidates may use a large business they have studied to answer any part of the question, or the business context provided in the examination. There will be one part of the question where candidates will be required to refer to the actual business they have studied.

Standard:	90845
Title:	Apply business knowledge to a critical problem(s) in a given large business context
Version:	2
Number of credits:	4

Resource material will be provided for the examination. Candidates are expected to refer to the resource material, and they are not expected to bring a business context they have studied to this.
