

Assessment Specifications

Scholarship Calculus 2026

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General information

Performance Standard:	93202
Assessment method:	Examination, end of year
Assessment medium:	Printed paper

[Mathematics and Statistics subject page](#)

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Format of the assessment

There will be FOUR questions. Questions will be set in the area of:

- patterns and relationships
- equations and expressions
- Calculus at level 7 and level 8.

The questions could be taken from ANY Level 8 Mathematics AOs of the New Zealand Curriculum (M8–1 to M8–12).

Individual questions may cover the content of more than one area. Questions may be set in both mathematical and real-life contexts. Questions involving unfamiliar situations may be set, but necessary information will be supplied in the question.

Equipment required

Use of an approved graphics or CAS calculator is advised.

[List of approved calculators](#)

Resources or information supplied

A Calculus Formulae and Tables booklet will be provided

[Calculus Formulae and Tables booklet \[PDF, 1.1 MB\]](#)

Special notes

Answers will often be required in an exact form, e.g. involving surds or algebraic formats. Minor errors caused by rounding will not be penalised. It is expected that all relevant working will be shown.

Part-questions may require written responses. This may be comparison or discussion of mathematical models, procedures, or techniques – their uses, benefits, and/or limitations.

Further clarification of the standard

The use of models will not be restricted to algebraic models but may include graphical or tabular models. Answers developed using a CAS calculator will require all CAS commands to be shown. Correct answers only will not be sufficient.

Special assessment conditions

Refer to the NZQA website for further information:

[Aromatawai special assessment conditions](#)