

Assessment Specifications

Level 3 Cook Islands Māori 2026

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General information

Domain:	Cook Islands Māori
Standards:	91538, 91541
Assessment method:	Examination, end of year
Assessment medium:	Online digital examination

[Te Reo Māori Kūki 'Airani subject page](#)

[National secondary examinations timetable](#)

Information relating to all achievement standards

The assessments will each consist of THREE questions written in English and Cook Islands Māori based on the texts provided.

Text choices for both standards will reflect appropriate cultural contexts, for example Cook Islands Māori-speaking communities, te ao Māori, the Pacific, and Aotearoa New Zealand. Texts may develop a line of argument relating to concrete and abstract matters of social interest.

In Level 3 Cook Islands Māori examinations, candidates can respond in Cook Islands Māori, English, or te reo Māori o Aotearoa.

[Digital external assessment](#)

Level 3 vocabulary list

The Level 3 Cook Islands Māori vocabulary list indicates language that will guide the setting of Level 3 Cook Islands Māori external assessments. The lists are available on the Te Reo Māori Kūki 'Airani subject page.

Words that are not in the vocabulary list will be glossed if they do not have common language usage or if their meaning is not evident from the text.

Special assessment conditions

Refer to the NZQA website for further information:

[Aromatawai special assessment conditions](#)

Specific information for individual achievement standards

Standard:	91538
Title:	Demonstrate understanding of a variety of extended spoken Cook Islands Māori texts
Version:	2
Number of credits:	5

Digital examination

Listening passages will be available online as audio files.

Candidates will be able to listen and respond to recordings of three spoken texts, which they can hear as a whole and twice in sections. They can choose when to start each play but cannot pause inside each play. Candidates will require headphones to listen.

Listening Notes spaces are available inside the digital examination.

Paper-based examination

Candidates will listen and respond to recordings of three spoken texts, which they will hear as a whole and twice in sections. Candidates may make notes in the listening notes spaces provided.

The total duration of the recordings will be up to 45 minutes.

Standard:	91541
Title:	Demonstrate understanding of a variety of extended written and / or visual Cook Islands Māori texts
Version:	1
Number of credits:	5

Resources or information supplied

Reading resources for this standard will be printed on paper and distributed to all candidates in the examination session, regardless of whether they are completing the assessments online or on paper.