

Assessment Specifications

Level 1 Digital Technologies 2026

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General information

Domain:	Technology
Standards:	92006, 92007
Assessment method:	Examination, end of year
Assessment medium:	Online digital examination

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[National secondary examinations timetable](#)

Information relating to all achievement standards

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

[Digital external assessment](#)

Equipment required

Computer access.

Special assessment conditions

Refer to the NZQA website for further information:

[Aromatawai special assessment conditions](#)

Specific information for individual achievement standards

Standard:	92006
Title:	Demonstrate understanding of usability in human-computer interfaces
Version:	2
Number of credits:	5

Questions will be in short or extended answer format.

Resources will be provided within the examination, including a list of Nielsen's heuristics.

For 2026, examples of usability principles will be drawn from:

- Mātāpono Māori
- Nielsen's usability heuristics
- usability concepts such as internal and external consistency, and accessibility.

Candidates will study an interface of their own choice before the assessment.

Candidates are expected to write no more than 800–1200 words in this assessment.

Standard:	92007
Title:	Design a digital technologies outcome
Version:	5
Number of credits:	5

In 2026, this standard will be assessed in an **end-of-year examination**. A sample examination paper and schedule will be available in mid-February, 2026.

Questions will be in short or extended answer format.

Candidates will answer questions about the development of their **own design** for a Level 6 Digital Technologies outcome, in accordance with the New Zealand Curriculum. Questions **will relate to the design stage / phase only**. These questions could cover:

- the need or opportunity being met
- the potential users and their requirements
- how design ideas were generated
- how the completed final design met the requirements
- an explanation of how the candidate used or applied manaakitanga or kaitiakitanga in their design or during the design stage / phase
- the use of feedback to improve their design
- explaining how the design decisions made improved the quality of their completed design for a digital technologies outcome
- justifying how fitness for purpose is demonstrated in the completed design for a digital technologies outcome.

The candidate's design should be created for a feasible digital technologies outcome – for example, a website, a mobile app, a game, a software application, an animation, or a robotics project. Designs for a simple digital outcome, such as a standalone logo or poster, are not suitable to submit as evidence at NZC Level 6.

Student responses should not relate to development of the outcome and candidates are not required have made the outcome for the 92007 standard.

No images are required for the assessment. However, schools are required to keep a copy of the candidate's completed designs until the end of February 2027, in case there are queries from NZQA about the authenticity of, or assessment content of, the completed designs.

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