

Assessment Specifications

Level 3 Economics 2026

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General information

Domain: Economics

Standards: 91399, 91400, 91403

Assessment method: Examination, end of year

Assessment medium: Printed paper

Economics Subject page

National secondary examinations timetable

Information relating to all achievement standards

To assist candidates, questions may be scaffolded. This scaffolding could mean that a question is broken into several parts and/or bullet points.

Questions in each standard may draw on specific examples from contemporary New Zealand contexts.

Equipment required

A ruler, for drawing graphs, and an approved calculator are required.

Special assessment conditions

Refer to the NZQA website for further information:

Aromatawai special assessment conditions

Specific information for individual achievement standards

Standard:	91399
Title:	Demonstrate understanding of the efficiency of market equilibrium
Version:	2
Number of credits:	4

The economic models assessed will be selected from:

- the supply and demand model for the goods and /or service markets
- internationally traded goods markets where New Zealand is a price taker.

Candidates may be required to demonstrate an understanding of elasticity concepts.

Standard: 91400

Title: Demonstrate understanding of the efficiency of different

market structures using marginal analysis

Version: 2
Number of credits: 4

The economic models assessed will be selected from:

- · the supply and demand model
- the cost and revenue model for a perfectly competitive firm and monopoly firm (including natural monopoly).

Standard: 91403

Title: Demonstrate understanding of macro-economic influences

on the New Zealand economy

Version: 2
Number of credits: 6

The economic models assessed will be selected from the:

- business cycle
- aggregate demand and aggregate supply model
- · spending multiplier
- foreign exchange model
- · circular flow model.

Government policies assessed may include:

- monetary policy
- fiscal policy
- supply side policies
- international trade policies.