

Assessment Specifications

Level 2 Education for Sustainability 2026

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General information

Domain: Environmental Sustainability

Standards: 91733, 90814

Assessment method: Examination, end of year

Assessment medium: Online digital examination

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Information relating to all achievement standards

Candidates will be required to respond to stimulus material provided in resource booklets, as well as drawing on their own learning.

Candidates will require a clear understanding of the four aspects of sustainability and how they apply within particular contexts. Definitions of aspects of sustainability will be provided in the resource booklet. A comprehensive list of these definitions can be found on the TKI website:

[Aspects of sustainability](#)

Candidates will also need to have an understanding of Māori concepts and practices such as kaitiakitanga, waiora, taonga, and manaakitanga, and be able to demonstrate understanding of the application of one or more concepts in particular contexts. Definitions of kaitiakitanga, waiora, taonga, and manaakitanga will be provided in the resource booklets. For more information, refer to Explanatory Note 3 of both standards.

Candidates should focus on the quality of their responses rather than the length of their responses. Candidates' responses should provide evidence of their own conceptual thinking.

Information in planning spaces will not be marked.

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

[Digital external assessment](#)

Resources or information supplied

A separate resource booklet will be provided for each achievement standard.

Special assessment conditions

Refer to the NZQA website for further information:

[Aromatawai special assessment conditions](#)

Specific information for individual achievement standards

Standard:	91733
Title:	Demonstrate understanding of initiatives that contribute to a sustainable future
Version:	2
Number of credits:	4

Individual sustainability initiatives that are related to a common theme will be presented in the examination. Information about these initiatives will be provided in a separate resource booklet. Candidates will be required to consider each of these initiatives in turn and then evaluate their relative merits in relation to a sustainable future.

Candidates will require a clear understanding of the four aspects of sustainability and how they apply within particular contexts.

Standard:	90814
Title:	Demonstrate understanding of aspects of sustainability in different contexts
Version:	3
Number of credits:	4

Candidates will be required to demonstrate their understanding of the four aspects of sustainability in relation to TWO contexts provided in a separate resource booklet. These TWO contexts will relate to relevant and contemporary issues of sustainability.