

Assessment Specifications

Level 1 Geography 2026

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General information

Domain:	Geography
Standards:	91934, 91935
Assessment method:	Examination, end of year
Assessment medium:	Printed paper

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Information relating to all achievement standards

Special assessment conditions

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Specific information for individual achievement standards

Standard:	91934
Title:	Demonstrate understanding of how natural processes shape an environment
Version:	4
Number of credits:	5

Candidates will need to demonstrate understanding of how natural processes shape the selected environment, the resulting phenomena, and implications they have/may cause for people who live in or near this environment.

The examination will consist of two sections.

In Section One, candidates will be required to choose ONE of three questions.

Each question will be based on a different, unfamiliar environment that has distinctive and recognisable characteristics as the result of natural processes (see EN3 in the Achievement Standard).

In Section Two, candidates will be required to use their case study environment.

Candidates will be expected to provide written answers and support their answers with annotated map(s) and/or diagrams.

Standard:	91935
Title:	Demonstrate understanding of decision-making in response to a geographic challenge in the wider Pacific region.
Version:	4
Number of credits:	5
Date for pre-release of resource:	Term 4, Week 1

Candidates will be required to demonstrate their understanding of geographic decision-making in Aotearoa New Zealand or the Pacific.

Candidates will be required to evaluate the extent to which perspectives, viewpoints, and values inform decision-making, related to a geographic challenge.

Prior to the examination, resource material will be made available for candidates to familiarise themselves with the context of the assessment. This resource material will include characteristics of the environment. Resource materials will consist of a range of texts that may be written or visual, including articles, maps, or graphs.

In the examination, candidates will receive additional resources relating to the geographic challenge. Candidates should refer to both prior and additional resources in the examination. The resource booklet provided in the examination will contain both the prior and additional resources.
