

Assessment Specifications

Scholarship Geography 2026

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General information

Performance Standard:	93401
Assessment method:	Examination, end of year
Assessment medium:	Printed paper

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Format of the assessment

Resource materials (such as maps, text, photographs, models, graphs, tables, and cartoons) related to this year's theme will be provided in the examination. Candidates will be required to incorporate a wide range of case studies, using information and ideas BOTH from the examination resource materials and from their studies in geography. Candidates will be required to respond to questions that involve critically thinking, processing, selecting, extracting, justifying, predicting, integrating, and presenting information.

Candidates will be required to include relevant original visuals that will enhance their answers.

Candidates will be expected to demonstrate understanding of a range of geographic perspectives and to use their geographic knowledge, skills, and understanding to support their answers.

Equipment required

Candidates may bring a calculator and coloured pencils.

Resources or information supplied

In 2026, the examination questions and resource booklet will focus on **emerging global geographic challenges and potential solutions**.

Special assessment conditions

Refer to the NZQA website for further information:

[Aromatawai special assessment conditions](#)