

Assessment Specifications

Level 3 History 2026

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General information

Domain:	History
Standards:	91436, 91438, 91439
Assessment method:	Examination, end of year
Assessment medium:	Online digital examination

[History subject page](#)

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Information relating to all achievement standards

Teachers should be familiar with the standard and explanatory notes that accompany all achievement standards.

Information in planning spaces will not be marked.

Assessment will be based on the quality of the response rather than its length.

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

[Digital external assessment](#)

Special assessment conditions

Refer to the NZQA website for further information:

[Aromatawai special assessment conditions](#)

Specific information for individual achievement standards

Standard: 91436

Title: Analyse evidence relating to an historical event of significance to New Zealanders

Version: 2

Number of credits: 4

A variety of sources and concepts, as listed in the explanatory notes of the standard, will be used to assess historical skills.

Candidates will be required to write paragraph-length answers.

Candidates will be provided with a resource booklet containing a variety of historical sources, primary and secondary.

The context provided will be **how a single event from the past helps to explain wider cultural and social attitudes of that time and place.**

Standard: 91438

Title: Examine causes and consequences of a significant historical event

Version: 2

Number of credits: 6

Candidates will be required to write an essay on ONE significant historical event they have studied, using a conventional essay format. One general essay question will be provided.

Candidates will be expected to analyse a limited number of causes OR consequences (or both) of their chosen significant historical event. There is no prescribed content.

Candidates are encouraged to write a concise response of no more than 800–900 words (5–6 pages).

Standard: 91439

Title: Analyse a significant historical trend and the force(s) that influenced it

Version: 2

Number of credits: 6

Candidates will be required to write an essay on ONE significant historical trend they have studied, using a conventional essay format. One general essay question will be provided.

Candidates will be expected to analyse EITHER a trend and its effects OR the forces that have influenced a particular trend. There is no prescribed content.

Candidates are encouraged to write a concise response of no more than 800–900 words (5–6 pages).