

Assessment Specifications

Scholarship Media Studies 2026

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General information

Performance Standard:	93303
Assessment method:	Examination, end of year
Assessment medium:	Online digital examination

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Format of the assessment

Candidates will be required to write answers in essay format for THREE questions. Each question will require candidates to address a selected quotation / statement or discussion question in their analysis.

Candidates may not use the same material to answer more than one question.

Question One will focus on the relationship between media and society (industry, developments).

Question Two will focus on a candidate's media production experience.

Question Three will focus on reading media texts (genre, readings, representation).

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

[Digital external assessment](#)

Content / context details

In each question, candidates will be expected to demonstrate a critical understanding of at least one medium/media industry and its context, illustrated by reference to specific media texts and other relevant evidence.

Special assessment conditions

Refer to the NZQA website for further information:

[Aromatawai special assessment conditions](#)