

Assessment Specifications

Scholarship Religious Studies 2026

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General information

Performance Standard:	93603
Assessment method:	Examination, end of year
Assessment medium:	Online digital examination

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Format of the assessment

The examination will have one section.

Candidates will be presented with a choice of two questions that draw from a previously advised context, with reference to Religious Studies. Candidates will respond to their choice of question. Candidates are expected to answer in essay format.

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

[Digital external assessment](#)

Resources or information supplied

The context of the essay questions will vary each year.

For 2026, the context is **religious or spiritual traditions and war**.

Special assessment conditions

Refer to the NZQA website for further information:

[Aromatawai special assessment conditions](#)