

# Assessment Specifications

## Level 1 Gagana Sāmoa 2026

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### General information

<b>Domain:</b>	Gagana Sāmoa
<b>Standards:</b>	92034, 92035
<b>Assessment method:</b>	Examination, end of year
<b>Assessment medium:</b>	Online digital examination

[Gagana Sāmoa subject page](#)

[National secondary examinations timetable](#)

### Information relating to all achievement standards

The assessments will each consist of THREE questions written in gagana Sāmoa and English based on the texts provided.

Text choices for both standards will reflect appropriate cultural contexts, for example gagana Sāmoa-speaking communities, te ao Māori, the Pacific, and Aotearoa New Zealand. Texts will refer to events or experiences that are familiar and relevant to the candidate.

In Level 1 Gagana Sāmoa examinations, candidates can respond in gagana Sāmoa, English, or te reo Māori.

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

[Digital external assessment](#)

#### Special notes

Level 1 Gagana Sāmoa will use macrons and glottal stops as appropriate.

#### Level 1 approved Vocabulary List

The Gagana Sāmoa vocabulary list indicates language which will guide the setting of Level 1 Gagana Sāmoa external assessments. The lists are available on the Gagana Sāmoa subject page.

Words outside of the approved vocabulary list will be glossed if they do not have common language usage or if their meaning is not evident from the text.

Special assessment conditions

Refer to the NZQA website for further information.

[Aromatawai special assessment conditions](#)

## Specific information for individual achievement standards

<b>Standard:</b>	92034
<b>Title:</b>	Demonstrate understanding of written Gagana Sāmoa related to everyday contexts
<b>Version:</b>	3
<b>Number of credits:</b>	5

The reading resources for this standard will be printed on paper and distributed to candidates in the examination session.

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<b>Standard:</b>	92035
<b>Title:</b>	Demonstrate understanding of spoken Gagana Sāmoa related to everyday contexts
<b>Version:</b>	3
<b>Number of credits:</b>	5

Listening passages will be available online as audio files. Candidates will be able to listen to each whole passage once and then three times in sections. Candidates can choose when to start each play but cannot pause inside each play.

Listening Notes spaces are available inside the digital examination.

Equipment required

Candidates will require headphones to listen.