

Assessment Specifications

Level 3 Samoan 2026

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General information

Domain:	Samoa
Standards:	91563, 91566
Assessment method:	Examination, end of year
Assessment medium:	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 Samoan and English based on the texts provided.

Text choices for both standards will reflect appropriate cultural contexts, for example Samoan-speaking communities, te ao Māori, the Pacific, and Aotearoa New Zealand. Texts may develop a line of argument relating to concrete and abstract matters of social interest.

In Level 3 Samoan examinations, candidates can respond in Samoan, English, or te reo Māori.

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

[Digital external assessment](#)

Special notes

Level 3 Samoan will use macrons and glottal stops as appropriate.

Vocabulary List

The Samoan vocabulary list indicates language which will guide the setting of Level 3 Samoan external assessments. The lists are available on the Gagana Sāmoa subject page.

Words beyond the expected level of knowledge 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

Standard:	91563
Title:	Demonstrate understanding of a variety of extended spoken Samoan texts
Version:	2
Number of credits:	5

Digital examination

Listening passages will be available online as audio files. Candidates will listen and respond to recordings of three spoken texts, which they can hear as a whole and twice 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.

Paper-based examination

Candidates will listen and respond to recordings of three spoken texts, which they will hear as a whole and twice in sections. Candidates may make notes in the listening notes spaces provided. The listening component will be completed first.

The total duration of the recordings will be up to 45 minutes.

Standard:	91566
Title:	Demonstrate understanding of a variety of extended written and / or visual Samoan texts
Version:	1
Number of credits:	5

Resources or information supplied

The reading resources for this standard will be printed on paper and distributed to all candidates in the examination session, regardless of whether they are completing the assessments online or on paper.