

# Assessment Specifications

## Level 1 Social Studies 2026

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### General information

<b>Domain:</b>	Social Studies
<b>Standards:</b>	92049, 92050
<b>Assessment method:</b>	Examination, end of year
<b>Assessment medium:</b>	Online digital examination

[Social Studies subject page](#)

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### Information relating to all achievement standards

Information in planning spaces will not be marked.

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

<b>Standard:</b>	92049
<b>Title:</b>	Demonstrate understanding of perspectives on a contemporary social issue
<b>Version:</b>	4
<b>Number of credits:</b>	5

Candidates will be required to respond to a task with multiple parts, related to a contemporary social issue they have studied.

Candidates will be expected to use knowledge, understanding, and skills learned during their Social Studies course and to explain the positive and negative impacts, or the short-term and long-term impacts of responses to their chosen social issue, on individuals or groups.

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<b>Standard:</b>	92050
<b>Title:</b>	Demonstrate understanding of decisions made in relation to a contemporary social issue
<b>Version:</b>	3
<b>Number of credits:</b>	5

Candidates will be provided with a resource booklet and will be expected to analyse these resources, using skills learned during their Social Studies course, to respond to a task with multiple parts.

The context provided will be **youth issues**. No previous content knowledge is expected.