

## Assessment Specifications

# Level 3 Social Studies 2026

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## General information

<b>Domain:</b>	Social Studies
<b>Standards:</b>	91596, 91598
<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

Candidates will be required to give an account of relevant Social Studies concepts for each standard.

Information in planning spaces will not be marked.

Candidates are encouraged to write a concise response of no more than 800–900 words (5–6 pages). Assessment will be based on the quality of the response rather than its length.

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>	91596
<b>Title:</b>	Demonstrate understanding of ideological responses to an issue
<b>Version:</b>	2
<b>Number of credits:</b>	4

Candidates will be required to respond to a task, related to an issue they have studied.

Candidates will be expected to use knowledge, understanding, and skills learned during their Social Studies course and to discuss how **tradition or innovation** has shaped the ideological responses to their chosen issue.

The issue identified by candidates must be current.

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<b>Standard:</b>	91598
<b>Title:</b>	Demonstrate understanding of how ideologies shape society
<b>Version:</b>	2
<b>Number of credits:</b>	4

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

The context provided will be **animal rights in Aotearoa New Zealand**.