

Assessment Specifications

Level 1 Spanish 2026

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General information

Domain:	Spanish
Standards:	91974, 91975
Assessment method:	Examination, end of year
Assessment medium:	Online digital examination

[Spanish Subject page](#)

[National secondary examinations timetable](#)

Information relating to all achievement standards

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

Text choices for both standards will reflect appropriate cultural contexts, for example Spanish-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 Spanish examinations, candidates can respond in English or te reo Māori.

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

[Digital external assessment](#)

Level 1 approved Vocabulary List

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

Words outside of the approved vocabulary list will be glossed 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:	91974
Title:	Demonstrate understanding of written Spanish related to everyday contexts
Version:	3
Number of credits:	5

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

Standard:	91975
Title:	Demonstrate understanding of spoken Spanish related to everyday contexts
Version:	3
Number of credits:	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. They 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.