

Assessment Specifications

Level 2 Korean 2027

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General information

Domain:	Korean
Standards:	91138, 91141
Assessment method:	Examination, end of year
Assessment medium:	Online digital examination

[Korean 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 Korean speaking communities, te ao Māori, the Pacific, and Aotearoa New Zealand.

Texts will refer to events or experiences on familiar matters.

In Level 2 Korean examinations, candidates can respond in Korean, English or te reo Māori.

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

[Digital external assessment](#)

Vocabulary list

The Korean vocabulary list indicates language that will guide the setting of Level 2 Korean external assessments. The list is available on the Korean subject page.

Words not in the vocabulary list will be glossed only 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:	91138
Title:	Demonstrate understanding of a variety of spoken Korean texts on familiar matters
Version:	2
Number of credits:	5

Digital examination

Listening passages will be available online as audio files.

Candidates will be able to listen and respond to recordings of three spoken texts, which they can hear as a whole and twice 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.

Paper-based examination

The listening standard will be completed first.

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 in the booklet.

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

Standard:	91141
Title:	Demonstrate understanding of a variety of written and / or visual Korean texts on familiar matters
Version:	2
Number of credits:	5

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.

Candidates will read and respond to three written texts representative of different text types.