

New Zealand Scholarship Assessment Specifications

Performance Standard Geography

Mode of AssessmentWritten Examination

For Year 2013

Format for the assessment

The examination will be resource-based.

A geographic context, including place settings and geographic theme(s), will be selected for geographic analysis. A range of resource materials (such as maps, text, photographs, models, graphs, tables, cartoons and other visuals) related to the context will be provided. These will allow candidates to become familiar with the settings and theme(s).

Candidates will be required to complete question(s) that involve selecting, extracting, analysing, processing, predicting, justifying, and presenting information. Candidates will be required to include relevant original visuals that will enhance their answer(s).

Candidates will be expected to demonstrate understanding of a range of geographic methods and perspectives and to use their geographic knowledge, skills, ideas, and understanding to support their answer(s).

The content specified in NCEA Level 3 Geography Achievement Standards will not be specifically assessed.

Candidates should use coloured pencils in their diagrams / maps. Annotations on these diagrams / maps must be in pen. Any work done in pencil will not be eligible for reconsideration.