

# Assessment Specifications

## General information

<b>Performance Standard</b>	Agricultural and Horticultural Science
<b>Level</b>	Scholarship
<b>Mode of Assessment</b>	Written Examination
<b>Year</b>	2015
<b>Standard</b>	93105

## Format of the assessment

The paper will comprise three questions, each worth 8 marks. Candidates are required to answer ALL questions.

Questions will have a focus on:

- export-orientated primary production systems
- issues, perspectives, and conflicts that occur in attempting to achieve sustainable production systems
- contemporary issues that have an impact on the primary production system.

## Equipment required

An approved calculator is required.

### Special notes

1. Candidates will be required to have detailed understanding of TWO primary production systems from producer to consumer. A primary production system involves the production of one or more products, eg a sheep system might produce wool and meat.
2. Candidates will be required to have an understanding of the role of regional councils in ensuring the sustainability of production systems.
3. Contemporary issues are those impacting now or likely to impact in the future on primary production systems. Contemporary issues for assessment in 2015 are limited to:

#### Group A

- Market access
- Value added
- Food safety
- Traceability/country of origin labelling.

#### Group B

- Animal welfare
- Biosecurity
- Change in land use.

Candidates are expected to be able to discuss:

- **at least TWO** issues from **Group A**, and
- **ONE from Group B** in relation to their chosen primary production systems.

Candidates should be familiar with the Agricultural and Horticultural Science Scholarship resource material on the Horticultural and Agricultural Teachers Association (HATA) website <http://hatanzt.com/>.