

NEW ZEALAND QUALIFICATIONS AUTHORITY MANA TOHU MĀTAURANGA O AOTEAROA

New Zealand Scholarship Assessment Specifications

General Information

Scholarship Performance Standard Geography

Mode of Assessment Written examination

For Year 2007

Specific Information Format of the assessment

The assessment activity will be resource-based.

A geographic context (place settings and geographic theme) will be selected for geographic analysis. A range of resource materials will be provided about the context. These will allow the candidate to become familiar with the selected settings and theme.

Candidates will be required to complete three tasks involving the selecting and extracting, and the processing and presenting of information. There will be a requirement for the candidates to:

- Complete a diagram showing the application of geographic ideas and geographic understanding in relation to the study context.
- Write an essay discussing perspectives in relation to a setting and to the specific geographic theme.
- Write an illustrated geographic essay involving critical evaluation and transfer of knowledge and ideas in relation to the study context.

The answers will require candidates to demonstrate their geographic knowledge, geographic skills and understanding of geographic ideas and perspectives. The content studied in the year 13 geography course for NCEA Level 3 will not specifically be assessed.

Equipment required

Calculator, and equipment for constructing and drawing maps and diagrams.