

NEW ZEALAND SCHOLARSHIP 2004

PERFORMANCE SUMMARY FOR HISTORY

The individual skills in each descriptor have been weighted with the skills in Outstanding Performance-Performance Descriptor 1 given a weighting of 4, in Performance Descriptor 2 a weighting of 3, Performance Descriptor 3 a weighting of 2, Performance Descriptor 1 a weighting of 1. Candidates may well demonstrate evidence in different descriptors and an example is outlined below.

Example one;

A candidate demonstrating following skills all from Outstanding Performance -Performance Descriptor 1

- **Skill 1**; effectively communicate sophisticated, substantiated argument =4
- **Skill 2**; develop informed and perceptive judgements about the nature of historical evidence and/or historical research =4
- **Skill 3**; critically evaluate historical narratives =4
- **Skill 4**; demonstrate a thorough and perceptive understanding of historical relationships in selected contexts and settings =4
- **Skill 5**; synthesise, with perception and insight, ideas relevant to the historical context(s) and setting(s)=4
- **Skill 6**; demonstrate an understanding of the critical underpinnings and scope of an historical question/context =4.

Demonstrating 6 skills in Outstanding Performance -Performance Descriptor 1

Descriptor A is 6 X 4 = 24.

This Candidate would therefore fall into the Performance Category 1.

Example two;

A candidate demonstrating following skills all from Performance Descriptors 2 and 3

- **Skill 1**; effectively communicate substantiated argument=3
- **Skill 2**; make informed judgements about the nature of historical evidence and/or historical research=3
- **Skill 3**; critically evaluate historical narratives=3
- **Skill 4**; demonstrate an understanding historical relationships in selected contexts and questions=3
- **Skill 5** identify ideas relevant to the historical contexts and settings =2
- **Skill 6**; demonstrate some understanding of the scope of an historical question/context =2

Demonstrating 4 skills in Performance Descriptor 2 is 4 X 3 = 12 and 2 skills in Performance Descriptor 3 is 2 x 2 =4, 12+4=16.

This Candidate would therefore fall into the Performance Category 3.

The left column describes the minimum criteria for the grade. A candidate may score upwards into a grade by meeting all criteria in a lower Performance Descriptor and some from a higher one, but cannot achieve a higher grade just by accumulating numbers WITHOUT meeting all the criteria for Performance Descriptor that is represented by the number in the third column. That is, while the numbers will provide the required finer gradation, they should not be used to “weaken” the level of achievement:

Minimum criteria required	Weighting	Minimum weighting of points for each grade	Performance Category
Meets all criteria for Performance Descriptor 1	6 criteria x weighting of 4	24	1
Meets all criteria for Performance Descriptor 2. May have met some in PD 1*	6 x 3	18 - 23	2
Meets all criteria for Performance Descriptor 3. May have met some in PD 2 or PD1	6 x 2	12 - 17	3
Meets all criteria for Performance Descriptor 4. May have met some in PD3, PD 2 or PD1	6 x 1	6 - 11	4
Meets 1 – 5 of the six criteria for Performance Descriptor 4	1x1=1; to 5x1=5	1-5	5
Meets no criteria	0	0	