

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 2005

Version 1

Specific Information

Format of the assessment

The assessment activity will be resource-based.

A geographic context (a place setting and/or 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 setting and/or theme.

Candidates will be required to complete two tasks involving the selecting and extracting, and the processing and presenting of information. There will be a requirement for the candidates to analyse, critically evaluate and apply ideas and understandings to another context.

Both tasks will ask for answers that are detailed and comprehensive and presented in 'illustrated essay' style. The answers will require candidates to demonstrate their geographic knowledge, geographic skills and understanding of geographic ideas and perspectives, however 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.