

New Zealand Scholarship Assessment Specifications

General Information

Scholarship Performance Standard	Geography
Mode of Assessment	Written examination
For Year	2008

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 analysing, processing and presenting of information. There will be a requirement for the candidates to:

- Critically analyse and discuss to show geographic understanding, and the relevance of geographic ideas in relation to the context. The development and completion of a map and / or diagram within this task will be required.
- Write an essay discussing and evaluating perspectives in relation to the geographic context.
- Write an illustrated geographic essay involving critical analysis and transfer of knowledge and ideas in relation to the study context.

The tasks will allow candidates to appropriately use their geographic knowledge, skills, ideas and understanding to support their answers.

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.