

New Zealand Scholarship Assessment Specifications

General Information

Scholarship Standard	Te Reo Māori
Mode of Assessment	Written examination
For Year	2008

Specific Information

Format of the examination

A 3 hour examination period will be allowed. The examination paper is divided into TWO sections (wāhanga) each with TWO tasks (tūmahi). All FOUR tasks are compulsory. The tasks and recommended times are shown below:

WĀHANGA 1: WHAKARONGO – TUHITUHI

TŪMAHI TUATAHI:	WHAKARONGO Listening and taking notes – 35 minutes
TŪMAHI TUARUA:	TUHITUHI Writing task in response to listening passage – 50 minutes

WĀHANGA 2: PĀNUI – KŌRERO

TŪMAHI TUATORU:	PĀNUI Reading – 45 minutes
TŪMAHI TUAWHĀ:	KŌRERO Preparation for spoken task – 35 minutes Speaking for approximately 5 minutes in response to questions

All FOUR major curriculum strands (Whakarongo, Tuhituhi, Pānui, and Kōrero) are assessed in pairs in the examination ie Wāhanga 1: Whakarongo-Tuhituhi/Wāhanga 2: Pānui-Kōrero. All questions and responses, oral and written, will be in te reo Māori.

WĀHANGA 1: WHAKARONGO-TUHITUHI

Tūmahi Tuatahi: Candidates are required to listen to a pre-recorded aural text on CD and take notes in relation to answering essay type questions. Listening and taking notes will take no longer than 35 minutes.

Tūmahi Tuarua: Candidates are required to provide a written response to the listening passage in tūmahi tuatahi. This will take approximately 50 minutes.

WĀHANGA 2: PĀNUI – KŌRERO

Tūmahi Tuatoru: Candidates are required to read two texts.

Tūmahi Tuawhā: Candidates prepare and record their answers orally onto an audio - tape for a maximum of 5 written questions. All questions are compulsory.

The questions will be based on themes from both texts. Additional stimulus material may also be provided. Some of the questions will be designed to provide opportunities for candidates to go beyond the ideas of the texts and interpret/extend the information from their personal viewpoint.

Candidates will have between 10-15 minutes recording time, during which they will be expected to speak for approximately 5 minutes. This task will be completed within the final 60 minutes of the examination period.

Contexts

Contexts will be drawn from a range of topics of major significance from within both traditional and modern Māori society. Examples of such themes include:

- Māori overseas
- Māori religious denominations
- Urban Māori

The topic(s) used as the examination theme(s) in each year will be chosen so as to provide opportunities for candidates to use, integrate, and display their accumulated skills, knowledge and experience of te reo Māori across the four major curricular strands.