

Assessment Specifications

General information

Domain	Social Studies
Level	3
Mode of Assessment	Written Examination
For Year	2012
Standards	90689, 90690

Format of the assessment

A planning page will be provided as part of the question-and-answer booklet. Assessors may use responses made on the planning page as evidence.

Candidate response

The format provided in 2012 will allow candidates to respond by writing an essay or a series of paragraphs, which can be accompanied by diagrams, pictures, graphic organizers, etc.

Resources or information supplied

A list of relevant perspectives as outlined in Social Studies in the New Zealand Curriculum (SSiNZC) will be provided for candidates to identify specific perspectives to be used in their responses.

Specific information for individual external achievement standards

Standard	90689
Title	Examine diversity in society
Version	2
Number of Credits	5

Format of the assessment

Examination question(s) will be based on knowledge and understanding drawn from a candidate's own course of study.

Examination question(s) are written in the present tense, but this does not mean that candidates cannot answer in the past or future tense as appropriate to their chosen study or studies.

Candidates will be required to identify and apply specific Social Studies concepts relevant to the Achievement Objective(s) studied as indicated in "Guide notes: Assessment of Concepts in Senior Social Studies", the link to which is:

http://www.tki.org.nz/r/ncea/socstud-conceptguidenotes_28feb07.doc

Candidates will be required to identify and apply at least one of the perspectives relevant to the Achievement Objective(s) studied, as indicated in "Guide notes: Assessment of the Perspectives in Senior Social Studies", the link to which is:

http://www.tki.org.nz/r/ncea/socstud-perspectiveguidenotes_28feb07.doc

Candidate response

The society used by candidates must be real (existing presently or in the past). The society cannot be fictitious.

Standard	90690
Title	Explain people's responses to challenges facing society
Version	2
Number of Credits	5

Format of the assessment

Examination question(s) will be resource-based. A variety of resources will be provided, which will be used to assess conceptual understanding related to this achievement standard.

Candidates will receive a resource booklet and a separate question-and-answer booklet.

Candidates will be required to identify and apply specific Social Studies concepts relevant to the Achievement Objective(s) studied as indicated in "Guide notes: Assessment of concepts in Senior Social Studies".

Candidates will be required to identify and apply at least one of the perspectives relevant to the context provided in the resource booklet as indicated in "Guide notes: Assessment of the Perspectives in Senior Social Studies".

The context provided by the resource booklet will include one of the following:

- the MMP Referendum
- hosting the 2011 Rugby World Cup.

(SSiNZC Achievement Objective 8.1: Different ideas about how society should be organized).

Candidate response

The majority of material used by candidates to respond to the question(s) will be sourced from the resource booklet. Candidates will also be able to incorporate knowledge from their own course of study.