

Digital NCEA Language Examinations - information for schools and students

Reading standard resources on paper only

The resource booklet for the reading standard is provided on paper only. Digitised copies are not available for the digital NCEA language examinations.

Listening standard

- The supervisor will play the listening standard at the start of session in the same way as for paper-based language examinations; aloud and to all students at the same time (except for Samoan where it is played one hour into the examination).
- Students can make notes, either digitally in the box available or on paper, before they start to answer the listening standard. To handwrite notes, they should ask the supervisor for NZQA supplied note-making paper which will be collected at the end of the examination. All notes made, typed in the box or on paper, are not marked.
- Schools are responsible for providing a computer to play the audio sound file in the examination room connected to external speakers so that the file can be easily heard throughout the room.

Answering using language keyboards

- Students can answer a language examination in English, Te Reo Māori, and/or the target language. However, any keyboard for Te Reo Māori or the target language must be installed on the device the student will use, before the digital examination session.
- If the language keyboard doesn't work during the examination session, the student can choose to answer digitally in English, or move to answering on paper.
- Schools are responsible for technical support.

Making digital entries

Enter students for the digital NCEA Language examinations by flagging the entry as 'D' in a data file submitted to NZQA before 9 September 2020.

Order of answering assessments in digital language examinations

Where students choose to answer the listening standard on paper, they must also complete the reading standard on paper. This is because for any examination students cannot switch from a paper assessment to a digital assessment.

Where a student moves from answering digitally to on paper, the supervisor will provide them with their personalised set of booklets (or a non-personalised set where their entry was received late).

Students must ask the supervisor for help to access any standard they have not been entered for.