

Assessment (including Examination) Rules

for

Home-Schooled Students 2021



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1. Authority

- a. These Rules, called the Assessment (including Examination) Rules for Home-Schooled Students 2021, are made under section 452 (1) (m) of the Education and Training Act 2020.

2. Commencement, Revocation and application of 2019 Rules, and Application of the School Rules

- a. These Rules commence on 1 February 2021 and end at the close of 31 January 2022.
- b. The Assessment (including Examination) Rules for Home-Schooled Students 2020 are consequentially revoked.
- c. These Rules are to be read in conjunction with the Assessment (including Examination) Rules for Schools with Consent to Assess 2021.

3. Home-Schooled Student Enrolment, Entry and Eligibility

- a. Home-schooled students and other persons who are not enrolled in a School are only eligible to be assessed against standards on the Directory of Assessment Standards, or enter in a New Zealand Scholarship subject through linking with a School with Consent to Assess.
- b. There is no obligation on the part of any School to act as a Link School for home-schooled students wishing to enter for standards assessment or enter a New Zealand Scholarship subject.
- c. Home-schooled students wishing to enter for assessment standards or enter a New Zealand Scholarship subject must do so through a Link School using the [appropriate form](#).
- d. A home-schooled student must meet all entry and eligibility criteria as specified in the Assessment (including Examination) Rules for Schools with Consent to Assess 2021, and are subject to the requirements of those Rules.
- e. In addition to the requirements of paragraph c and paragraph d. of this Rule 3, a home-schooled student who wishes to enter for New Zealand Scholarship must not have completed their secondary education in a previous year, and must attest to their eligibility through a Justice of the Peace.

4. Administrative Requirements on Link Schools

- a. Before accepting an entry for any unit or achievement standard from a home-schooled student or other person, the Principal's Nominee of the School must be satisfied that:
 - i. the assessment programme undertaken by the home-schooled student is fair, valid, reliable, and consistent nationally with the assessment Standard; and
 - ii. all work presented for assessment by the student or other person is authentic.
- b. All relevant internally assessed work must be moderated by the Link School.

- c. The Link School must carry out the necessary administration tasks for entering home-schooled students in examinations.
- d. The home-schooled student's results must be processed along with other students' results from the Link School.

5. Costs

A School which agrees to link with and / or perform other services for students who are home-schooled may make arrangements necessary to do so, including for any administrative costs.