

## Scholarship languages – Information for candidates

This information will help you to understand the examination procedure. You should also familiarise yourself with the Performance Standard and the Assessment Specifications for your Scholarship language.

More information on this can be found at <https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/qualifications-standards/awards/new-zealand-scholarship/scholarship-subjects/>

Scholarship languages have a listening, a reading, and a speaking component.

- The writing components are completed in the first two hours of the examination in one room (the Writing Room).
- The speaking component is carried out in the third hour of the examination in another room (the Recording Room).
- During the third hour, candidates waiting their turn to go to the Recording Room will remain in the Writing Room.
- You may bring a book, written in English, to read during the waiting time between the Writing Section and the Speaking Section of the examination.

### The Examination

#### The first two hours

When you enter the Examination Room, look for and read the Schedule of Recording Times that will be clearly displayed at the front of the room. The Schedule will indicate the time each candidate will be taken to the Recording Room to do the Speaking Task.

You have two hours in the Writing Room to work on the listening and reading tasks. After that time, the Examination Supervisor will collect your question-and-answer booklets.

#### The third hour

Wait or read in silence until the Recording Room supervisor comes to collect you. If you need to go to the toilet, you will be accompanied by an adult who is not your language teacher. You must not talk or communicate with any of the other candidates while you are waiting; this would be a breach of the rules and cause your results to be withheld.

When your name is called, take your bag and all your belongings and go with the Supervisor.

In the Recording Room, the Supervisor will confirm that your National Student Number (NSN) is correct and hand you the laminated reading task card. You may not identify yourself or your school in any other way on the recording.

You will have 10 minutes to prepare a response to the task. The Supervisor will provide you with paper and pen so that you may make notes and use them while you speak.

The Supervisor will record your response, which can last for up to five minutes. If you finish before then, say, "That is the end of my speech," and the recording will be stopped.

The Supervisor will play a short section back to you so you can confirm that you have heard your voice recorded, then will take the laminated card and your notes for disposal. You may then leave the examination centre.

Note: If there are technical difficulties with the recording equipment, the Supervisor will change to a second recording device and ask you to record again. The Supervisor will inform NZQA that you have had to re-record the Speaking Task.