

# **New Zealand Qualifications Framework Levels 1 – 3, 2011**

## **Religious Studies**

### **Moderator's Report**

## Moderator's Report for Religious Studies

### General Guidance for Assessors

The purpose of external moderation is to provide reassurance that teacher judgements are at the national standard and are made on the basis of assessment materials that are fair and valid. All assessment materials are expected to:

- give the student the opportunity to meet the requirements of the standard
- include an assessment schedule that gives evidence of appropriate student responses and clear judgements at all levels.

To help to ensure best assessment practice teachers need to access the Subject Specific Resources for Religious Studies on the NZQA website: [www.nzqa.govt.nz/religiousstudies](http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/religiousstudies)

The resources on this webpage include:

1. annotated student exemplars
2. clarification of issues with the standards
3. newsletters - current and archived editions
4. previous national moderator reports
5. a link to the TKI resources

### General Comments

Achievement standard 90820 requires students to be given the opportunity to *examine* (*examine in detail* for Merit, *comprehensively examine* for Excellence) *meanings within a sacred text*. A [clarification document](#) for this standard provides further guidance.

To ensure consistent assessment it is important to have examples of expected student responses in the assessment schedule. Suitable examples can come from previous external moderation, past or current students or examples developed by teachers.

Several of the achievement standards require the student to *examine (explain and analyse)*. Assessment tasks should be designed so that the student has an opportunity to analyse if required by the standard. A general comment will not meet the requirements of the standard.

Further information about specific standards can be found in the clarifications documents and newsletters on the subject specific page of the NZQA web page <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/religiousstudies>

**The National Moderator reports will be replaced by newsletters and clarifications documents from 2012.**