

Assessment Schedule – 2025

Geography: Demonstrate understanding of how interacting natural processes shape a New Zealand geographic environment (91426)

Assessment Criteria

Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
<p><i>Demonstrating understanding</i> involves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • analysing the interacting natural processes and how they shape the environment • including some supporting case study evidence. 	<p><i>Demonstrating in-depth understanding</i> involves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • analysing in detail the interacting natural processes and how they shape the environment • including detailed supporting case study evidence. 	<p><i>Demonstrating comprehensive understanding</i> involves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • providing an insightful analysis of the interacting natural processes and how they shape the environment • integrating comprehensive supporting case study evidence. <p>An insightful analysis includes an analysis of the interaction between the processes and /or elements and /or features of the environment to draw conclusions.</p>

Cut Scores

Not Achieved	Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
0–2	3–4	5–6	7–8

Evidence

The candidate **explains** how interacting natural processes operate in a named New Zealand geographic environment to shape **ONE** feature of the environment in part (a) and **comprehensively analyses** how interacting natural processes operate in a named New Zealand geographic environment to shape a **SECOND** feature in part (b). It is not expected that the diagram for part (a) comprehensively analyses to meet the requirement for a visual component at levels M6–E8.

Candidates are likely to demonstrate insight when they make links between the processes and/or elements and/or features of the environment to draw conclusions. Candidates may also demonstrate understanding of how features are shaped over time and space due to the operation of interacting natural processes, but this should not be the main focus of part (b).

N1	N2	A3	A4	M5	M6	E7	E8
<p>Includes some relevant material but does not address the question (very limited answer).</p>	<p>Describes how natural processes operate and interact but provides no links to how natural features within a New Zealand geographic environment are shaped</p> <p>OR</p> <p>describes natural features within a New Zealand geographic environment but provides no link to how natural processes operate and interact.</p>	<p>Partially analyses how natural processes operate and interact to shape a feature within a New Zealand geographic environment. The analysis is inferred in parts or more descriptive.</p> <p>Includes some supporting case study evidence.</p>	<p>Analyses how natural processes operate and interact to shape a feature within a New Zealand geographic environment.</p> <p>Includes supporting case study evidence.</p>	<p>Analyses, in some detail, how natural processes operate and interact to shape features within a New Zealand geographic environment (may not be consistent throughout the answer).</p> <p>Includes some detailed supporting case study evidence.</p>	<p>Analyses, in detail, how natural processes operate and interact to shape features within a New Zealand geographic environment in both the written AND visual component.</p> <p>Includes detailed supporting case study evidence.</p>	<p>Analyses comprehensively, with some insight, how different interacting natural processes have shaped features within a New Zealand geographic environment in both the written AND visual component.</p> <p>Integrates comprehensive supporting case study evidence throughout the response.</p> <p>Analyses the operation and interaction between processes of the environment to draw conclusions about how features are shaped within a New Zealand geographic environment.</p>	<p>Analyses comprehensively, with insight, how interacting natural processes have shaped features within a New Zealand geographic environment in both the written AND visual component.</p> <p>Integrates comprehensive supporting case study evidence throughout the response.</p> <p>Analyses the operation and interaction between processes of the environment to draw conclusions about how features are shaped within a New Zealand geographic environment.</p>

N0 = No response; no relevant evidence.