

Assessment Specifications

Level 3 Social Studies 2024

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General information

Domain:	Social Studies
Assessment method:	Examination
Assessment medium:	Online or printed paper
Standards:	91596, 91598

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Information relating to all achievement standards

Candidates will be required to give an account of relevant Social Studies concepts for each standard.

Information in planning spaces will not be marked.

The assessment will be available to candidates in paper or digital format. Further information about digital external assessment can be found on the NZQA website.

[Digital external assessment](#)

Specific information for individual achievement standards

Standard:	91596
Domain:	Social Studies
Title:	Demonstrate understanding of ideological responses to an issue
Version:	2
Number of credits:	4

Candidates will be required to write an essay or a series of paragraphs.

Candidates will be expected to use knowledge, understanding, and skills learnt during their Social Studies course.

The issue identified by the candidates must be current.

As part of their response, candidates will be required to discuss how either indoctrination or imposition of restrictions has shaped the ideological responses to their chosen issue.

Candidates are encouraged to write a concise response of 800–900 words (5–6 pages). Assessment will be based on the quality of the response rather than its length.

Candidates will need to demonstrate understanding of the *overall* intent of the standard rather than all the specifics of the explanatory notes.

Standard:	91598
Domain:	Social Studies
Title:	Demonstrate understanding of how ideologies shape society
Version:	2
Number of credits:	4

Candidates will be required to write an essay or a series of paragraphs.

Candidates will be provided with a resource booklet and will be expected to analyse the resources, using skills learnt during their Social Studies course.

The context provided will be approaches to managing crime.

Candidates are encouraged to write a concise response of no more than 800–900 words (5–6 pages). Assessment will be based on the quality of the response rather than its length.