

Assessment Specifications

Level 1 Religious Studies 2024

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General information

Domain: Understanding Religion

Standards: 91919, 91918

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Specific information for individual achievement standards

Standard:	91919
Domain:	Understanding Religion
Title:	Demonstrate understanding of perspectives of different religious or spiritual communities on an issue
Version:	4
Number of credits:	5
Assessment event scheduling:	School managed assessment
Assessment timing:	Over-time submission
Assessment method:	Over-time assessment task
Assessment format:	Report
Assessment medium:	Digital submission
Permitted file types:	Document file (PDF) or audio file (MP3, WMA) or video file (AVI, M4V, MP4, MOV, WEBM, MTS)
Date for pre-release of material:	Term 3, week 1
Final date of submission:	30 October 2024

Conditions of assessment

During Term 3, schools will receive notification of three specified issues from which candidates will choose one. These specified issues will be based on material world problems that are open for debate, and will include examples of social, environmental or technological issues. Schools should give out the three specified issues no more than two weeks before the beginning of the assessment period. During this time, candidates may prepare material that they can take into the assessment period.

During Term 3, schools will also receive three questions that relate to the issues. It is expected that candidates will not view the questions until the first day of the assessment period.

Candidates will answer ONE of the three questions using the specified issue of their choice.

It is recommended that candidates are given a maximum of 6 hours to complete their report. All work on the report must happen under supervised conditions. Candidates must not access any support, other than the notes they have prepared in the two weeks prior to the assessment period.

Responses may be provided in te reo Māori or English.

Evidence should be submitted as ONE file.

Where evidence is submitted as a document, candidates are encouraged to write no more than 800 words.

Where evidence is presented in audio or video format, the evidence should not exceed 4 minutes of recording.

The use of chatbots, generative AI, paraphrasing tools, or other tools that can automatically generate content is not permitted and material generated by these tools should not be submitted as part of the candidate's work.

Authenticity

Teachers must closely supervise the process of evidence collection to ensure that candidates:

- do not copy from another person or source without appropriate acknowledgement
- do not receive guidance, scaffolding, instruction, assistance, or assessment conditions beyond what is specified as permissible in these Assessment Specifications.

Where a teacher cannot verify that the assessment submitted is the authentic work of the candidate, they must notify NZQA of a possible Candidate Breach of External Assessment.

Special Assessment Conditions

Refer to the NZQA website for further information.

[Aromatawai Special Assessment Conditions](#)

Submission requirements

Evidence may be submitted as a document file (PDF, DOCX), audio file (MP3, WMA), or video file (AVI, M4V, MP4, MOV, WEBM); individual files should be no greater than 200MB.

Note that only these file types may be submitted, and that other file types may not be able to be marked.

Candidates should refer to [Further Guidance for Submission Responses](#) for further information.

Refer also to other resources on the subject page of NZQA website.

Further submission instructions and authenticity requirements will be provided for schools in Term 3, week 1.

Standard:	91918
Domain:	Understanding Religion
Title:	Demonstrate understanding of a characteristic of religious or spiritual traditions
Version:	4
Number of credits:	5
Assessment timing:	Point-in-time end of year
Assessment method:	Examination
Assessment medium:	Online, paper by exception

Candidates will be required to choose ONE of three questions.

Each question will assess a different characteristic.

Candidates will write an extended response on the chosen characteristic in relation to TWO religious or spiritual traditions.

Characteristics can include any of the following: a set of behaviours, structured practice, or form of communication that is commonly associated with a specific religion or spiritual tradition.

The six characteristics of religious or spiritual traditions can be used as a guide for selection. These include experiences, rituals, beliefs, moral and ethical teachings, social organisation, and material expression.

Candidates are encouraged to write an extended response of no more than 800 words.

Further information about digital external assessment can be found on the NZQA website.

[Digital external assessment](#)