

Assessment Specifications

Level 1 New Zealand Sign Language 2024

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General information

Domain:	New Zealand Sign Language
Assessment event scheduling:	School managed assessment
Assessment timing:	Over-time submission
Assessment method:	Over-time assessment task
Assessment format:	Response to Stimulus
Assessment medium:	Digital submission
Final date of submission:	30 October 2024
Standards:	92357, 92358

[New Zealand Sign Language subject page](#)

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Information relating to all achievement standards

Conditions of assessment

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](#)

Special notes

Where responses are videoed, candidates should consider best practice for recording setup to ensure that all elements of signing are captured.

Submission requirements

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

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

Specific information for individual achievement standards

Standard:	92357
Domain:	New Zealand Sign Language
Title:	Demonstrate understanding of New Zealand Sign Language related to everyday contexts
Version:	2
Number of credits:	5
Assessment format:	Response to Stimulus
Permitted file types:	Document files (PDF, DOC, DOCX), video files (AVI, M4V, MP4, MOV, WEBM)
Date for pre-release of material:	Term 3, week 1

Candidates will be required to watch videos of signed texts related to everyday contexts and will respond to questions to demonstrate their understanding of New Zealand Sign Language.

The signed texts and questions will be made available to schools in Term 3, week 1. Candidates are not permitted to view the signed texts and questions until they begin the assessment.

The assessment should be conducted in TWO sessions, 45 minutes per session. Each session has different assessment content consisting of one question with multiple parts.

Responses may be written in te reo Māori or English, or may be signed in New Zealand Sign Language. For written responses, candidates are encouraged to write no more than 300 words per session. For signed responses, candidates are encouraged to record no more than 2 minutes per session.

Submission requirements

All evidence files must be uploaded using the NZQA digital submission process.

Written responses should be submitted as:

- no more than TWO files (one per session)
- permitted file types: document (PDF, DOC, DOCX)

Signed responses should be submitted as:

- no more than TWO video files (one per session)
- permitted file types: video (AVI, M4V, MP4, MOV, WEBM)

The maximum (combined) file size that may be submitted is 5GB. *Note that only the specified file types may be submitted, and that other file types may not be able to be marked.*

Standard:	92358
Domain:	New Zealand Sign Language
Title:	Respond in New Zealand Sign Language related to everyday contexts
Version:	2
Number of credits:	5
Assessment format:	Response to Stimulus
Permitted file types:	Video files (AVI, M4V, MP4, MOV, WEBM)
Date for pre-release of material:	Term 3, week 1

Candidates will be required to demonstrate communicative skills in New Zealand Sign Language in response to simple visual and written prompts. Candidates will share simple ideas, information, and opinions about a range of familiar situations. Responses must be in New Zealand Sign Language

The assessment should be conducted in TWO sessions, 45 minutes per session.

The prompts will be made available to schools from NZQA in Term 3, week 1. Candidates are not permitted to view the prompts until they begin the assessment.

Submission requirements

All evidence files must be uploaded using the NZQA digital submission process.

Responses should be submitted as:

- no more than TWO video files (one per session)
- permitted file types: video (AVI, M4V, MP4, MOV, WEBM)

The maximum (combined) file size that may be submitted is 5GB. *Note that only the specified file types may be submitted, and that other file types may not be able to be marked.*