

Assessment Specifications

Level 2 Japanese 2025

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General information

Domain:	Japanese
Standards:	91133, 91136
Assessment method:	Examination, end of year
Assessment medium:	Online digital examination Printed paper

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Information relating to all achievement standards

The assessments will each consist of THREE questions written in English based on the texts provided.

Text choices for both standards will reflect appropriate cultural contexts, for example Japanese-speaking communities, te ao Māori, the Pacific, and Aotearoa New Zealand. Texts will refer to events or experiences on familiar matters.

In Level 2 Japanese examinations, candidates can respond in Japanese, English, or te reo Māori.

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](#)

Vocabulary list

The Japanese vocabulary list indicates language which will guide the setting of Level 2 Japanese external assessments. Words outside of the approved vocabulary list will be glossed if their meaning is not evident from the text

Special assessment conditions

Refer to the NZQA website for further information:

[Aromatawai special assessment conditions](#)

Specific information for individual achievement standards

Standard:	91133
Title:	Demonstrate understanding of a variety of spoken Japanese texts
Version:	3
Number of credits:	5

Digital examination

Listening passages will be available online as audio files. Candidates will be able to listen and respond to recordings of 3 spoken texts, which they can hear as a whole and twice in sections. They can choose when to start each play but cannot pause inside each play. Candidates will require headphones to listen. Listening Notes spaces are available inside the digital examination.

Paper-based examination

Candidates will listen and respond to recordings of 3 spoken texts, which they will hear as a whole and twice in sections. Candidates may make notes in the listening notes spaces provided.

The total duration of the recordings will be up to 45 minutes.

Standard:	91136
Title:	Demonstrate understanding of a variety of written and/or visual Japanese text(s) on familiar matters
Version:	3
Number of credits:	5

Reading resources for this standard will be printed on paper and distributed to all candidates in the examination session, regardless of whether they are completing the assessments online or on paper.

Candidates will read and respond to 3 written texts representative of different text types. The texts will contain a total of approximately 1400 kana.