

Assessment Specifications

Level 3 Social Studies 2025

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General information

Domain:	Social Studies
Standards:	91596, 91598
Assessment method:	Examination, end of year
Assessment medium:	Online digital examination or printed paper

[Social Studies subject page](#)

[National secondary examinations timetable](#)

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.

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.

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

[Digital external assessment](#)

Special assessment conditions

Refer to the NZQA website for further information:

[Aromatawai special assessment conditions](#)

Specific information for individual achievement standards

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

Candidates will be expected to use knowledge, understanding, and skills learned 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 **indigenous knowledge or globalisation** has shaped the ideological responses to their chosen issue.

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

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

The context provided will be the **effect of social media on society**.