

Assessment Specifications

Level 1 Social Studies 2025

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General information

Domain:	Social Studies
Standards:	92049, 92050
Assessment method:	Examination, end of year
Assessment medium:	Online digital examination

[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.

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:	92049
Title:	Demonstrate understanding of perspectives on a contemporary social issue
Version:	4
Number of credits:	5

Candidates will be required to respond to questions related to a contemporary social issue they have studied in class. As part of their response, candidates will be asked to explain the positive and negative impacts or the short-term and long-term impacts of responses to their chosen social issue on individuals or groups.

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

Standard:	92050
Title:	Demonstrate understanding of decisions made in relation to a contemporary social issue
Version:	3
Number of credits:	5

The assessment will consist of a task with multiple parts.

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

The resource booklet will include examples of the ethical considerations candidates are expected to reflect on when formulating their responses.

A broad context statement will be provided in the March update to these specifications. No previous content knowledge is expected.