

Assessment Specifications

Level 1 Social Studies 2026

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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

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 a task with multiple parts, related to a contemporary social issue they have studied.

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

Standard: 92050

Title: Demonstrate understanding of decisions made in relation

to a contemporary social issue

Version: 4
Number of credits: 5

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

The context provided will be youth issues. No previous content knowledge is expected.