

Assessment Specifications

Scholarship Biology 2026

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General information

Performance Standard:	93101
Assessment method:	Examination, end of year
Assessment medium:	Online or printed paper

[Scholarship Biology subject page](#)

[National secondary examinations timetable](#)

Format of the assessment

There will be THREE questions, all of which should be attempted. The questions will require analysis of biological contexts and the use of ecological, genetic, and evolutionary concepts to integrate biological knowledge and skills into an extended answer.

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

[Digital external assessment](#)

Resources or information supplied

Resource or stimulus material will be provided for each question, and candidates are expected to integrate this into each answer.

Special notes

The Biology Performance Standard should be read in conjunction with these Assessment Specifications, and can be accessed through the Subject page on the NZQA website.

The curriculum examined will include the Biology achievement objectives up to and including Level 8 of the New Zealand Curriculum (i.e. including [L1–L3 NCEA Biology achievement standards](#)).

Special assessment conditions

Refer to the NZQA website for further information:

[Aromatawai special assessment conditions](#)