

Assessment Report

New Zealand Scholarship Earth and Space Science 2025

Performance standard 93104

General commentary

The exam went well this year. The three questions were open-ended and garnered good answers from the candidates. Candidates provided answers that showed varied levels of understanding, and almost all students were able to gain some points even candidates who did not get up to scholarship marks.

Report on performance standard

Candidates who were awarded Scholarship with **Outstanding Performance** commonly:

- added significant insight into their answers combining recall and the resources, as well as showing a greater understanding of the concepts involved
- wrote in a clear, concise manner, which highlighted their planning and ability to communicate at a high level
- demonstrated an in-depth knowledge of Earth and space science, nature of science, and scientific principles.

Candidates who were awarded **Scholarship** commonly:

- wrote answers using all information from the resource without rewording it, but instead using it as a starting point for their responses
- integrated their own understanding of an Earth and space science context into the context of the question
- answered all parts of the question in a logical progression.

Candidates who were **not awarded Scholarship** commonly:

- recalled year 12 or 13 Earth and Space only and did not attempt to integrate it into the context of the question
- copied from the resource booklet without adding their own interpretation of the question
- did not attempt all of the questions.