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Geography external assessment format: Release of example stimulus book aligned to the 2025 syllabus

Purpose

To advise schools that an example is available of the external assessment stimulus book format, aligned to the *Geography General senior syllabus 2025* and *Geography alternative sequence (AS) 2025 resource*.

Background

The external assessment for Geography includes stimulus materials.

In the 2019 syllabus, the specifications stated that stimulus would ‘fit on one A3 page or equivalent’. To allow for greater accessibility for students, this statement was not included in the 2025 Geography syllabus revision. The 2026 external assessment format of the Geography stimulus has changed to align with this revision.

The 2019 syllabus also specified that short response items would be in response to stimulus. In the 2025 Geography syllabus revision this statement was not included. Short response questions may or may not include stimulus.

Information

The QCAA has developed an example Geography stimulus book to familiarise students with the revised format for external assessment stimulus material. The example demonstrates the possible layout of stimulus organised across multiple pages, rather than a single A3 page.

What you need to do

Schools should use the example Geography stimulus book to familiarise students with the revised format for external assessment stimulus material. The example stimulus book is available via the [QCAA Portal](#) > Syllabuses app > Humanities and Social Sciences:

- Geography 2025 v1.3 > View resources > Samples
- Geography 2025 v1.3 — Alternative sequence > View resources > Samples.

Finding out more

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