

NAPLAN Online 2021 – information for schools

NAPLAN Online dates

The NAPLAN Online test window is 11 to 21 May.

NAPLAN Online training

Training will be available to schools in late February and early March 2021.

This will include training sessions for NAPLAN Coordinators new to the role in 2021 and online refresher training modules for NAPLAN Coordinators returning to the role. Returning NAPLAN Coordinators can also attend training.

Training sessions will be held in metropolitan Adelaide and selected regional centres, face-to-face if possible or online.

More information about training, including dates and locations, will be confirmed in early 2021.

NAPLAN Online registration pack and handbook for principals

Your school will receive a NAPLAN Online registration pack from the test administration authority (TAA) from week 5, term 1.

The pack will include the 2021 Handbook for Principals and NAPLAN Coordinators, platform user guides and registration information, as well as detailed instructions to prepare your school for NAPLAN Online.

Coordinated practice test (CPT)

The CPT is a national confirmation of ICT and administrative systems for NAPLAN Online. Student performance in the CPT is not assessed or reported on.

All schools conducting NAPLAN Online testing will participate in the CPT on Thursday 25 March at 11.00am South Australian time. This date and time is set nationally.

Schools will undertake 1 or more test sessions at the specified time on this day. This is a good opportunity for schools to test their ICT capacity by having the maximum number of students sit a NAPLAN Online test at the one time.

NAPLAN Online technical requirements

All schools participating in NAPLAN Online in 2021 should ensure that devices to be used for NAPLAN testing continue to meet technical requirements.

These requirements can be found via ACARA's National Assessment Program (NAP) website: www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/technical-requirements

To ensure test security and to prevent student access to the internet and spell-check applications during NAPLAN Online, schools need to install the locked down browser (LDB) on each student's device before the CPT and NAPLAN 2021. Schools will be advised when the 2021 LDB is available for download and installation.

ACARA public demonstration site

Schools can familiarise their students with the format of NAPLAN Online tests and the types of questions asked.

Information is available in Part B of the Handbook for Principals and NAPLAN Coordinators.

Students with disability

Adjustments are provided to students with disability to support access to NAPLAN Online tests and encourage maximum participation.

A student's accessibility requirements need to be established prior to testing. Teachers and schools are in the best position to determine the needs of individual students, in consultation with students and their parents or guardians.

Information about accessibility adjustments will be provided in the Handbook for Principals and NAPLAN Coordinators and via training materials. ACARA's NAP website provides more information on assessing the needs of students with disability and platform adjustments:

www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/accessibility

Students requiring Braille, or print larger than the NAPLAN Online platform or assistive technology, will sit paper and pencil tests. An order form will be available in early 2021 from the education department's intranet site:

<https://edi.sa.edu.au/educating/literacy-and-numeracy/programs/naplan/naplan-online>

Privacy

Identifiable student data needs to be uploaded into the assessment platform for schools to be able to run NAPLAN Online.

Principals are responsible for sending the privacy collection notice to all parents and guardians of children participating in online testing in 2021.

The 2021 privacy collection notice can be downloaded from the department's intranet site. A copy will be sent to principals in term 1 2021.

More information

Further information about NAPLAN Online is available on the NAP website: www.nap.edu.au

Communications from the education department's NAPLAN team are published in Linked or emailed to Principals and NAPLAN Coordinators depending on the action required.

The department's intranet and website are updated regularly with key documents including handbooks, forms, platform user guides and planning checklists.

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The NAPLAN team is available Monday to Friday 8.00am to 5.00pm.

