



Department of  
**Education**

# **National Assessment Program Policy**

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## 1. Policy statement

The Department of Education (the Department) requires public schools to participate in all National Assessment Programs (NAP).

## 2. Policy rules

Principals must ensure that all eligible students in the relevant year levels enrolled at school participate in the NAP unless exempt or withdrawn from testing by parents or carers.

### Guidance

Principals are to comply with the requirements of the [Australian Education Act 2013 s77\(2\)\(c\)](#) by undertaking NAP assessments in accordance with the detail and schedule provided under [Australian Education Regulation 2013 s43](#) (Subdivision C - National Assessment Program).

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) is responsible for the overall management of the Australian National Assessment Program.

The School Curriculum Standards Authority (SCSA) is the test administration authority in Western Australia.

### National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

NAPLAN is an annual assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It tests fundamental skills in reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy. The tests cover skills in reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy. Assessments are undertaken every year.

### NAP sample assessments

NAP sample assessments in science, civics and citizenship, and ICT literacy (to be renamed digital literacy) occur annually on a 3-year rolling basis. Only a small number of schools participate in the sample assessments, which provide a national snapshot of performance in these areas of learning.

### International sample assessments

As part of the NAP, Australia participates in the following international sample assessments:

- Programme for International Student Assessment
- Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study
- Progress in International Reading Literacy Study

More information can be found at the ACARA website [www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au).

### **3. Responsibility for Implementation and Compliance**

Implementation of the policy is the responsibility of principals.

Compliance monitoring is the responsibility of line managers.

### **4. Scope**

This policy applies to all principals in public schools.

### **5. Related documents**

#### **Relevant legislation or authority**

[Australian Education Act 2013](#)

[Australian Education Regulation 2013](#)

[School Curriculum Standards Authority 1997](#)

[School Education Act 1999](#)

#### **Related Department policies**

[Curriculum Assessment Reporting in Public Schools Policy](#)

#### **Other documents**

[National Assessment Program](#)

[Alice Springs \(Mparntwe\) Education Declaration December 2019](#)

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## 7. History of changes

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## 8. More information

### Supporting content

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