



2024 NAPLAN

Handbook for Principals and NAPLAN coordinators - Alternative Format (paper)

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HANDBOOK OVERVIEW

From 2023, NAPLAN tests are held during March each year. The purpose of the *NAPLAN handbook for principals and NAPLAN coordinators – alternative format (paper)* is to make sure that principals understand what is required to administer NAPLAN.

The following organisations are involved in the NAPLAN tests:

- **The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA)** has responsibility for the development and central management of the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN).
- **The Test Administration Authority (TAA)** in each state or territory is responsible for the administration of the tests in their jurisdiction. All states and territories administer the tests in accordance with nationally agreed protocols.

Principals have ultimate responsibility within their school for ensuring that the tests are appropriately administered. Principals are expected to ensure that all relevant information is conveyed in a timely manner to all staff members involved in the administration of NAPLAN at the school.

There are two parts to this handbook:

- **Part A:** Relevant sections of NAPLAN national protocols for test administration - alternative format (paper), including the code of conduct. These protocols apply to all schools administering the NAPLAN paper-based tests.
- **Part B:** NAPLAN Schedule of tasks

PART A: NATIONAL PROTOCOLS FOR TEST ADMINISTRATION

(Relevant Sections)

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1.1. The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) has responsibility for the development and central management of the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). The test administration authority (TAA) in each state or territory is responsible for the administration of the tests in their jurisdiction. All states and territories administer the tests to students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in accordance with nationally agreed protocols. From 2008–2022, NAPLAN tests were held in May. From 2023, Education Ministers agreed NAPLAN tests will be held in March.
- 1.1.2. The *NAPLAN national protocols for test administration – alternative format (paper)* provide detailed information on all aspects of the administration of the NAPLAN paper-based tests. Please note there are also *NAPLAN national protocols for test administration* for the online NAPLAN tests.
- 1.1.3. The protocols set out the principles to manage security of the tests, the test environment and other relevant factors to ensure valid reliable, nationally comparable results are obtained. These protocols specify security requirements and uniform processes and procedures to ensure students complete the tests under similar conditions. In cases where individual students require special arrangements to complete the tests, these arrangements are made prior to testing in consultation with the school and the relevant TAA.
- 1.1.4. In order to maintain the integrity of the tests, the testing process and, ultimately, test results, these protocols must be followed carefully. Breaches of the *NAPLAN national protocols for test administration – alternative format (paper)* and allegations of cheating or improper behaviour are taken very seriously. Substantiated cases of improper behaviour will be reported publicly in ACARA’s annual test incident report. A code of conduct (section 2) is included in order to assist TAAs and schools in determining what are appropriate and inappropriate behaviours, as well as information on how breaches are dealt with (section 10).
- 1.1.5. ACARA, in cooperation with states and territories, will continue to review the *NAPLAN national protocols for test administration – alternative format (paper)* to ensure that tests are delivered in an appropriate and consistent manner across all states and territories.
- 1.1.6. These protocols are designed to cater for the majority of situations. However, the relevant TAA should be contacted for specific advice if it is apparent the protocols do not adequately provide guidance or if there are problems meeting the requirements in these protocols.

2. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 2.1.1. The NAPLAN code of conduct is designed to uphold the integrity of the tests by outlining the fundamental principles upon which the tests are based. Undermining test integrity by breaching these principles or the *NAPLAN national protocols for test administration – alternative format (paper)* will lead to an investigation and, if allegations are substantiated, potentially to serious consequences.
- 2.1.2. This code provides a summary of acceptable and unacceptable behaviours. At all times, educators must ensure that tests are administered in a way that is fair and equitable for all students, in order to provide an accurate assessment of students' capabilities at the time of testing.

2.2. Participation and accessibility

- 2.2.1. NAPLAN is a national assessment, and all eligible students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are expected to participate. NAPLAN should be accessible to all eligible students to allow them to demonstrate their actual skills and knowledge.
- 2.2.2. Students in ungraded classes, who are equivalent in age to students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9, are expected to take the relevant year-level NAPLAN tests.
- 2.2.3. Disability adjustments that are appropriate for students to access and participate in the tests should be granted.
- 2.2.4. It is unacceptable to exert influence on parents/carers to withdraw their children from testing.

2.3. Test integrity

- 2.3.1. NAPLAN is primarily an assessment of learning, so the test environment must be tightly controlled to maintain test integrity. This includes the conduct of test administrators and support staff, and the presence of unauthorised teaching or support material.
- 2.3.2. The integrity of the tests must be maintained at all times; cheating is not permitted.
- 2.3.3. The test environment must neither advantage nor disadvantage any student.
- 2.3.4. Tests should be appropriately administered. In deciding what is appropriate, principals should take into consideration the time, location and supervision requirements.
- 2.3.5. Active supervision of students during the tests is required.
- 2.3.6. Providing unauthorised assistance to students during the tests is not permitted.
- 2.3.7. Providing unauthorised additional time for the tests is not permitted.
- 2.3.8. Allowing students access to unauthorised materials and aids during the tests is not permitted.

- 2.3.9. Test administrators should ensure their actions before, during and after the tests do not unduly impact on students' results.
- 2.3.10. Any attempt by school staff to unfairly or dishonestly manipulate test results is not permitted.
- 2.3.11. Any attempt by any party to modify an answer after the test is completed by the student is not permitted.

2.4. Test preparation

- 2.4.1. Schools and teachers should adopt appropriate test preparation strategies that familiarise students with the test process and question formats, but do not excessively rehearse students such that results reflect prepared work rather than students' own abilities.
- 2.4.2. The best preparation schools can provide for students is teaching the Australian Curriculum, as implemented in all states and territories.
- 2.4.3. Any actions that compromise the ability of students to produce results that reflect their own unrehearsed knowledge and skills are inappropriate.
- 2.4.4. The preparation of possible responses for any test is inappropriate.
- 2.4.5. Any attempt by students to gain an unfair advantage is inappropriate.

2.5. Test security

- 2.5.1. The security of the tests is critical to ensure that students' individual results accurately reflect their abilities. Test materials must be kept locked in a secure location to avoid any premature disclosure of content, or unauthorised disclosure of test materials at any time.
- 2.5.2. The security and confidentiality of the test materials must be maintained from the time they are delivered to the school to the end of the test security period.
- 2.5.3. The content of NAPLAN tests must not be disclosed prior to or during the official test window, or prior to or during the test security period.
- 2.5.4. The tests should not be conducted outside the secure school location unless prior permission has been granted by the TAA.
- 2.5.5. All used and unused test books must be secured immediately after each test (not left in possession of the test administrator, or in classrooms or in other unsecured storage areas).
- 2.5.6. Schools should ensure that completed materials are stored securely in such a way that cannot lead to allegations of tampering with responses prior to their collection or return for marking.
- 2.5.7. Schools must not copy, transcribe or transmit student responses, or cause responses to be recorded by any means, including electronic means, except as outlined by these protocols.

2.6. Communication

- 2.6.1. Effective communication at all levels is essential for the efficient and transparent delivery of the tests.
- 2.6.2. Principals and all relevant school staff must read and understand the *NAPLAN handbook for principals and NAPLAN coordinators – alternative format (paper)* and the *NAPLAN test administration handbook for teachers – alternative format (paper)*.
- 2.6.3. Failure to read or become aware of these protocols and documents is not a valid reason for breaching the protocols.
- 2.6.4. Principals, NAPLAN coordinators and test administrators must adhere to the instructions outlined in the *NAPLAN handbook for principals and NAPLAN coordinators – alternative format (paper)* and the *NAPLAN test administration handbook for teachers – alternative format (paper)*, and principals should seek clarification from their TAA if unsure of any points.
- 2.6.5. Dishonest and inappropriate practices should be actively discouraged and will not be tolerated. Allegations of breaches of the *NAPLAN national protocols for test administration – alternative format (paper)* should be reported promptly.
- 2.6.6. It is the responsibility of the principal to make parents and carers aware of the main aspects of the testing program.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

3.1. Responsibilities of ACARA

3.1.1. ACARA is responsible for:

- maintaining a website for NAPLAN information (www.nap.edu.au) with updates on all aspects of the national tests
- providing a communications strategy that clearly outlines the respective roles played by ACARA and TAAs. This includes communication to schools that will be made available to TAAs. Materials arising from ACARA's communications strategy will be made available on the NAP website (www.nap.edu.au)
- maintaining the *NAPLAN national protocols for test administration – alternative format (paper)*, which is a key risk control and communication document for the NAPLAN program
- developing national communication messaging, to be adapted by TAAs for local dissemination.

3.2. Responsibilities of test administration authorities (TAAs)

3.2.1. Content for this section can be found in the complete NAPLAN national protocols for test administration, on ACARA's NAP website www.nap.edu.au.

3.3. Responsibilities of principals

3.3.1. Principals may delegate tasks to staff, but the responsibility remains with the principal.

3.3.2. Principals are required to:

- ensure that parents/carers of students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are fully informed about the program
- discuss and plan for disability adjustments, exemptions and withdrawals where appropriate
- ensure that all relevant staff are fully informed of their roles and responsibilities and test administration requirements
- ensure that all staff are aware that they must maintain test security until the end of the test security period
- ensure that NAPLAN individual student reports are delivered to parents/carers in a timely manner after they are received at the school
- be aware of any additional jurisdiction-specific responsibilities outlined in Part B of the NAPLAN handbook for principals and NAPLAN coordinators – alternative format (paper).

3.3.3. Principals are responsible for acknowledging, in a manner prescribed by their TAA, that they have read and understood the NAPLAN handbook for principals and NAPLAN coordinators – alternative format (paper). This acknowledgement must be done by the principal and cannot be delegated.

4. SECURITY AND INTEGRITY OF TEST MATERIALS

4.1. Responsibilities of test administration authorities (TAAs)

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4.3. Responsibilities of principals

- 4.3.1. The principal is responsible for the overall security, receipt and confidentiality of all test materials from the time the materials are delivered to the school to the end of the test security period. This includes the safe collection or dispatch of those materials on conclusion of the tests.
- 4.3.2. The principal must notify the TAA immediately if test material security has been breached in any way from the time of receipt of the test materials to the end of the test security period.
- 4.3.3. NAPLAN materials must be received in person by the principal or the principal's delegate(s) (someone who occupies a position of suitable responsibility, whom the principal nominates as an eligible person to accept the test material delivery). The principal is to ensure that the authorised person who receives the test materials signs for them and legibly records their name and the time the material arrives at the school. This information may be requested by the TAA. Materials must not be left unattended by a courier. If this occurs, the TAA must be notified immediately.
- 4.3.4. Where couriers cannot avoid making deliveries after school hours, the principal or the principal's delegate must take delivery of the test materials.
- 4.3.5. The principal, or the principal's delegate, who signs for the materials is to ensure the contents and quantities of deliveries are correct as soon as possible after the receipt of the material. Packages must be checked for tampering and to ensure, without opening the tamper-evident packages, that correct quantities have been delivered.
- 4.3.6. In the event of incorrect/incomplete delivery or evidence of tampering or other compromise in security during transit, the relevant TAA must be notified immediately, and any jurisdiction-specific process followed. Any additional test materials dispatched to schools will be forwarded using the same level of security as that used for the original dispatch.
- 4.3.7. The principal is responsible for ensuring test materials are sorted and prepared for distribution to classes in advance of the test window, but no earlier than is necessary for the effective administration of the tests. A reasonable period to sort materials may be up to one day. Test materials must be returned to secure storage after sorting until the morning of the relevant test. Test content must not be accessed during this process. Schools that need greater flexibility must apply to their TAA.

- 4.3.8. Any person(s) acting as a delegate of the principal and assisting the principal in the sorting of materials should not be a classroom teacher of any class taking the tests, except in special circumstances where the size of the school precludes this.
- 4.3.9. The principal must ensure that all test materials, including the reading magazines and the writing stimulus, are kept secure until the end of the test security period. Under no circumstances can materials be shown or given to parents/carers or members of the wider community, including the media.
- 4.3.10. The principal must ensure that teachers and students not involved in the tests do not have access to the test materials during the test security period.
- 4.3.11. The principal must ensure that videos or photographs are not taken during test sessions. This is to protect students from being distracted and to ensure the security of the test. Videos and photographs for media opportunities, including social media, must be taken outside the test sessions and must not show test materials.
- 4.3.12. The principal must ensure that test administrators are informed of test processes and are made familiar with information provided on test security.
- 4.3.13. Post-security period use of test materials
- The test materials referred to in this section are all NAPLAN test materials from 2008 onwards and the exemplars in the online Student and school summary report (SSSR) (where provided)
 - As used in this section and section 4.3.14, "ICT platform" means any service or medium used for electronic communication, including (without limitation) websites, social media, mobile telephony, internet protocol television (IPTV), multimedia programs and apps, and any other relevant service or medium that comes into existence after the date of these protocols.
 - Principals (and their school staff) will have access to released NAPLAN test materials¹ for non-commercial educational use within their school after the test security period has ended. ACARA will provide schools with visibility of released items through the SSSR.
 - Principals (and their school staff) are not permitted to publicly release the NAPLAN test materials and the exemplars in the SSSR and must not upload the NAPLAN test materials and exemplars to any public ICT platform (i.e. an ICT platform that is not password-protected).

¹ Not all NAPLAN items will be released. Schools are permitted to use released items for educational purposes after the NAPLAN test security period.

4.3.14. Uploading previous NAPLAN paper tests to password-protected ICT platforms:

- Principals (and their school staff) may upload the 2008–2016 NAPLAN paper tests to their password-protected ICT platforms and are responsible for ensuring that any access to these papers is consistent with section 113P of the Copyright Act 1968 (Cth).
- NAPLAN paper tests from 2017 onwards (noting that NAPLAN 2020 did not proceed) are not released to the public and remain secure test material.
- Principals (and their school staff) are not permitted to upload NAPLAN paper tests from 2017 onwards to any ICT platform (including their password-protected ICT platforms) and are not permitted to provide NAPLAN paper tests from 2017 onwards or SSSR exemplars to parents/carers or members of the wider community, including the media, at any time.

5. STUDENT PARTICIPATION COHORTS

5.1. Participating students

5.1.1. Participating students include:

- students who attempt the test (and are not otherwise treated as absent because of abandonment due to illness or injury) (see section 5.5)
- students who are exempt from testing (see section 5.2)
- students who are present but do not respond to any items; for example, refusals (see section 5.6).

5.2. Exempt students

5.2.1. Students may be exempt from one or more of the tests (i.e. writing, reading, language conventions, numeracy) on the grounds of English language proficiency or disability.

Criteria for exemption:

- Students with a language background other than English who arrived from overseas and have been attending school in Australia for less than a year before the test should be given an opportunity to participate in testing but may be exempt.
- Students with significant intellectual disability and/or students with significant comorbidity that severely limits their capacity to participate in the tests may be exempt from taking NAPLAN. This is decided after the principal, student and the relevant parent/carer have consulted with each other and agreed that the student is not able to access the tests even with adjustments.

5.2.2. Parent/carer signed consent for exemptions:

- Principals must obtain signed parent/carer consent for all exempted students prior to testing. Principals can expect information from TAAs on the preferred method for collecting and recording this information.

5.2.3. Recording reason for exemption

The reason for exemption (English language proficiency or student with disability) must be recorded by the school. For students with disability, the level of adjustment reported for the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)² must be recorded. The NCCD identifies 4 levels of adjustment:

- support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice
- supplementary adjustments
- substantial adjustments
- extensive adjustments.

² www.nccd.edu.au/

5.2.4. Treatment of exempt students' data and results

- Students who qualify for exemption and do not submit a test attempted under test conditions are considered as participating students for reporting purposes in national and jurisdictional summary data. Results for exempt students will not be included in school-level calculations of means.
- Exempt students are not reported against any of the proficiency levels: Exceeding, Strong, Developing or Needs additional support.
- Students who meet the criteria for exemption, but who take any or all of the tests under test conditions and formally submit those tests, will be counted as assessed students with the score that they achieved.
- Exempt students who are absent on the testing day will still be reported as exempt students rather than absent students.
- The text that will appear on an individual student report for tests for which students are exempted will read: *Your child was exempt from this test.*
- Where a student is exempted from all tests, it is recommended that an individual student report is not issued.

5.3. Withdrawn students

5.3.1. Criteria for withdrawal

- Students may be withdrawn from the testing program by their parent/carer in consultation with their child's school. School staff must not influence parents/carers to withdraw their child (see section 2.2.4). Withdrawals are intended to address issues such as religious beliefs and philosophical objections to testing.

5.3.2. Parent/carer signed consent for withdrawals

- Principals must obtain signed parent/carer consent for all withdrawn students prior to testing. Principals can expect information from TAAs on the preferred method for collecting and recording this information.

5.3.3. Treatment of withdrawn students' data and results

- Withdrawn students are not counted as a part of the cohort of participating students.
- Withdrawn students who are absent at any time during the test window must still be recorded as withdrawn students, rather than absent students.
- The text that will appear on the individual student report for tests for which students are withdrawn will read: *Your child was withdrawn from this test.*
- Where a student is withdrawn from all tests, it is recommended that an individual student report is not issued.

5.4. Absent students

5.4.1. Students must be recorded absent if:

- they are not present at the school in which they are enrolled when the test is administered and are unable to sit a test in a catch-up session during the test window or school's planned testing schedule
- they are present at school but are unable to take a test as a result of an accident or mishap prior to the scheduled test session, preventing their participation, and are unable to sit a test in a catch-up session.

5.4.2. Students must not be recorded as absent if:

- they are not present on a testing day, but consent has been received for them to be exempt or withdrawn (see sections 5.2 Exempt students and 5.3 Withdrawn students)
- they are present for the tests but do not attempt any part of the test (see section 5.6 Non-attempts and refusals).

5.4.3. Principals are encouraged to facilitate participation in the tests by holding a catch-up session for those students who were identified as absent on the day of the test but who return to school within the week scheduled for NAPLAN testing.

5.4.4. Treatment of absent students' data and results

- Absent students will not be counted as a part of the cohort of participating students.
- Students who are marked as absent but for whom a test is formally submitted must be counted as assessed. TAAs must validate discrepancies; for example, where a student was absent for a test but then completed the test in a catch-up session.
- Students must not be marked absent if consent has been received for them to be exempt or withdrawn (see sections 5.2 and 5.3).
- The text that will appear on an individual student report for tests where students are absent will read: *Your child was absent from this test and no result has been recorded.*
- Where a student is absent from all tests, it is recommended that an individual student report be issued. TAAs can provide further advice on the issuing of reports to students who are absent from all tests.

5.5. Sanctioned abandonment

5.5.1. Abandonment of a test applies only where sanctioned and verified by the TAA and refers only to students who have started a test but who abandon the test due to illness (i.e. a medical or social/emotional condition) or injury.

5.5.2. Sanctioned abandonment does NOT apply to students who do not complete the test but are present for the entire test session, or who choose to leave the session without a sanctioned reason that is verified by the TAA; such students must be counted as participating with the score that they achieve (see section 5.6). These students are not permitted to complete the test in a catch-up or rescheduled session.

5.5.3. All instances of students who attempt one or more questions in the test, but who then abandon the test due to illness (i.e. a medical or social/emotional condition) or injury must be reported to the TAA as soon as practicable for advice on appropriate actions.

5.5.4. Treatment of students' results and data where abandonment applies

- Reasons for abandonment due to illness or injury must be recorded and sanctioned by the TAA to avoid the student being considered as participating. When abandonment due to illness or injury is reported to, and sanctioned by, the TAA, students are not counted as a part of the cohort of participating students.
- Where the school fails to contact the TAA regarding a potential sanctioned abandonment, the student will be considered as assessed, with the mark based on any test items completed.
- The text that will appear on an individual student report for tests that students have abandoned due to illness or injury will read: *Your child does not have a result for this test due to illness or injury during the test.*

5.6. Non-attempts and refusals

5.6.1. Students in attendance at school for the test session but who do not attempt any part of a test, or who abandon the test session in a non-sanctioned manner, must be recorded as present for the test and are considered participants and should be assessed.

5.6.2. Treatment of students' results where the test is not attempted

- Students who are present for the entire test session but do not complete any part of the test must be counted as assessed students with a score of zero. Students who submit a blank test book must not be treated as absent.
- The text that will appear on the individual student report for tests where a student is marked as refused will read: *Your child was present for this test but did not complete any part of the test.*

5.7. International fee-paying students

5.7.1. International fee-paying students (defined as students holding a student visa under the *Education Services for Overseas Students Regulations 2001*) are encouraged to participate in NAPLAN tests to facilitate classroom- and school-level learning outcomes; however, results are not recorded as a part of jurisdictional data for public policy purposes.

5.7.2. International fee-paying students are not included in jurisdiction data sets but will receive a student report.

5.8. Hosted and visiting students

5.8.1. Students are expected to undertake the tests at the school in which they are enrolled. If a student is away from their regular location (e.g. visiting interstate), it may be possible for the student to be given an opportunity to take the NAPLAN tests in a scheduled test session at a school in the student's temporary location.

5.8.2. Principals of host schools are encouraged to facilitate the participation of visiting students, where the student's regular location and the host school are delivering the same mode of testing. Principals are not required to offer a separate or catch-up session for these students. Principals should contact the relevant TAA for further information.

- 5.8.3. Tests should be taken on blank test books provided by the host school.
- 5.8.4. Where a student is visiting, the principal at the host school is responsible for sending the student's test books back to the TAA in the student's home state/territory by registered post (see section 12 for TAA postal details).
- 5.8.5. The student's results will be included in the data set for their enrolled school and state/territory.
- 5.8.6. The student will receive a student report through their own school.

6. ADJUSTMENTS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY

- 6.1.1. Student participation in NAPLAN is the joint responsibility of schools and TAAs, as outlined in these protocols.
- 6.1.2. Adjustments permitted in the tests are detailed in this section and apply only to students with disability as identified by the 4 broad NCCD categories: physical, cognitive, sensory and social/emotional. Adjustments are permitted for students with disability to support their access to the tests and facilitate maximum participation. The reasonable adjustments (see 6.2.3) accessed for NAPLAN should reflect those identified and documented in the student's personalised learning and support plan. For the NAPLAN program, disability is defined as per the Commonwealth *Disability Discrimination Act 1992*³.
- 6.1.3. Students with disability are allowed access to their usual, standard non-educational facilities and furniture that form part of their everyday assessment adjustments under the *Disability Discrimination Act* and the *Disability Standards for Education 2005*. Standard provisions and furniture may include, for example, usual medication, food or medical equipment.
- 6.1.4. Adjustments for students with disability are intended to enable access to the tests on the same basis as students without disability.
- 6.1.5. Adjustments for students with disability for NAPLAN should be determined in line with these protocols on a case-by-case basis by the school together with the relevant TAA, the parent/carer and the student. Examples of the application of these adjustments can be found in a set of scenarios⁴ published on the National Assessment Program website (www.nap.edu.au).

6.2. Disability Discrimination Act and Disability Standards for Education

- 6.2.1. The *Disability Standards for Education* provide a framework to ensure that students with disability are able to access and participate in education on the same basis as students without disability. They outline the obligations of school education providers under the *Disability Discrimination Act*.
- 6.2.2. The *Disability Standards for Education* outline an obligation for education providers to make reasonable adjustments, where necessary, to ensure the maximum participation of students with disability. The framework provides for:
- consultation with the student (or an associate of the student)
 - consideration of whether an adjustment is necessary
 - identification of a reasonable adjustment if an adjustment is necessary
 - making the reasonable adjustment.

³ www.austlii.edu.au/au/legis/cth/consol_act/dda1992264/

⁴ <https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/accessibility/disability-adjustments-scenarios>

- 6.2.3. The term “reasonable adjustment” is described as a measure or action taken to assist a student with disability to participate in education on the same basis as students without disability. An adjustment is reasonable if it achieves this purpose while taking into account the student’s learning needs and balancing the interests of all parties affected, including those of the student with the disability, the education provider, staff and other students.

6.3. Adjustments, test requirements and student participation

- 6.3.1. Where disability impacts on access to the tests, reasonable adjustments may be granted to facilitate access to all or some of the tests.

- 6.3.2. Adjustments are based on the following equity principles and are designed to maximise participation in the NAPLAN tests:

- Adjustments should allow students with disability to access and participate in NAPLAN tests.
- A student may have access to more than one adjustment in any one test and different adjustments may be appropriate for different tests.
- Adjustments should reflect the kind of support and assistance identified and documented in the student’s personalised learning and support plan, and normally required for assessment in the classroom. This will allow the student to demonstrate what they know and can do, noting that adjustments that are appropriate in a learning environment may not be appropriate in an assessment environment.
- Adjustments should not compromise the ability to assess the underlying construct and skills that are the objects of the assessments, as outlined in section 6.3.3.

- 6.3.3. The NAPLAN tests are designed to provide a summative, nationally comparable understanding of student performance in writing, reading, language conventions and numeracy. The tests are not designed as formative tools, and adjustments appropriate for learning environments may not be appropriate for NAPLAN. Adjustments are not appropriate (even if they are usually provided for the student in their classroom) if they compromise a student’s ability to demonstrate the following constructs and skills:

- **Writing:** The NAPLAN writing tests assess a student’s ability to convey thoughts, ideas and information through an independent construction of a text in Standard Australian English.
- **Reading:** The NAPLAN reading tests assess the ability of students to independently make meaning from written Standard Australian English texts, including those with some visual elements. Reading the stimulus material and/or questions aloud to a student during the reading test is therefore not appropriate or permitted.
- **Language conventions:** The NAPLAN language conventions tests assess a student’s ability to independently recognise and use correct Standard Australian English grammar, punctuation and spelling in written contexts. Reading questions aloud to a student during the language conventions test is therefore not appropriate or permitted.
- **Numeracy:** The NAPLAN numeracy tests assess students’ knowledge of mathematics, their ability to independently apply that knowledge in context, and their ability to independently reason mathematically. Explaining questions or interpreting diagrams in the numeracy test is therefore not appropriate or permitted. Reading any words, numbers or symbols embedded within text is permitted, but not any numbers or symbols that are not embedded within text.

6.4. Responsibilities of test administration authorities (TAAs)

6.4.1. Content for this section can be found in the complete NAPLAN national protocols for test administration, on ACARA's NAP website www.nap.edu.au.

6.5. Responsibilities of principals

6.5.1. The principal must:

- ensure documented plans and a range of strategies, including the student's personalised learning and support plan, have been used to identify adjustments required by students with disability and, where necessary, apply in writing to the relevant TAA for permission to access adjustments and/or alternative formats according to the timelines set by the TAA.
- ensure that parents/carers and students are informed about, and have agreed to, the nature of the adjustment(s) the student will receive
- document all adjustment arrangements and keep a record of these for audit purposes
- make arrangements at the school level to provide students with disability with the adjustments they require
- apply for alternative format (disability adjustment) test materials to the relevant TAA, well in advance of the test
- comply with the TAA requirements for requesting and reporting adjustments provided by the school
- ensure that the test administrator supervising the test has a thorough understanding of the students' requirements, as well as protocols related to adjustments and their administration.

6.6. Summary of adjustments for students with disability

6.6.1. The following table outlines some types of adjustments that might be provided. This list is not exhaustive and granting of a listed adjustment is not automatic; each application should be assessed individually according to the relevant state/territory process and a student's needs.

Disability adjustments	Comments
Assistive technology / computers	<p>Students can use assistive technologies that are compatible with the test construct.</p> <p>Computer use may be permitted for all tests for students with disability who normally use this adjustment for their usual classroom assessments and for students with temporary injuries such as a broken arm. Schools must follow TAA procedures.</p> <p>Software providing text-to-speech outputs is permitted in the numeracy test only, to enable students with disability who normally use this type of adjustment to access allowable parts of questions and their own responses, where appropriate. It may not be used in any other test.</p> <p>Unacceptable aspects of assistive technology use include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - word prediction - spelling and grammar checking - text-to-speech software for language conventions, writing and reading tests - calculator use during the non-calculator numeracy section - internet / internal network access.
Black and white masters	<p>Black and white masters of test books are available for students who generally access their classroom assessments in this manner. Black and white masters may be copied onto coloured paper or used with coloured overlays. Schools are responsible for copying onto coloured paper and providing the coloured overlays.</p> <p>Black and white print masters must be ordered in advance through the TAA.</p>
Braille format	<p>Braille test books are available for students who normally use braille in their classroom assessment.</p> <p>Braille materials must be ordered in advance through the TAA.</p> <p>See section 6.7 for more details on braille format.</p>
Electronic test format	<p>This adjustment is an electronic PDF of the test booklet and is limited to those students with disability who are unable to access the tests through any of the other adjustments available, including the use of assistive technology.</p> <p>Electronic test format materials must be ordered in advance through the TAA.</p> <p>See section 6.10 for more details on electronic test format.</p>
Extra time	<p>Generally, it is recommended that no more than 5 minutes of extra time per half hour of test time be granted; however, in some cases, up to an additional 15 minutes per half hour of published test time may be provided. See also section 6.7.5 for extra time for braille users.</p>

Large print format	<p>Various formats of large print test books are available for students with a vision impairment who generally access their classroom assessment in this manner.</p> <p>Large print materials must be ordered in advance through the TAA. The formats available include:</p> <p>A4, N18 font A4, N24 font A3, N18 font A3, N24 font A3, N36 font.</p>
NAPLAN support person	<p>A NAPLAN support person may be either a teacher or a person officially engaged by the school to assist students with disability to access the test. A NAPLAN support person can shade bubbles indicated by the student or write short responses or answers dictated by the student for the reading, language conventions and numeracy tests. See section 6.11 Use of a NAPLAN support person: non-writing domains.</p>
Oral/sign support	<p>Students who are deaf, hard of hearing or have a hearing impairment may access oral or signed communication (e.g. Auslan). The support person must be a skilled and familiar communication partner with the student and is permitted to read or sign the instructions in all tests. Signing is permitted only for those sections of the tests that can be read to all students. See section 8.8.12 Reading aloud to students.</p>
Rest breaks	<p>When a rest break is taken, the test time is stopped, and resumed on completion of the rest break. The student must not have access to the test paper, working-out paper, writing implements, computer or text entry device during a rest break.</p> <p>Generally, it is recommended that no more than 10 minutes of rest time per half hour of test time be granted. However, in some cases, up to an additional 15 minutes of rest time per half hour of test time may be provided.</p>
Scribe	<p>Scribes can be used for the writing test if this is the usual assessment practice in the classroom.</p> <p>Scribes are permitted for the writing test where the disability is of an enduring nature.</p> <p>A scribe is not permitted for students who have a temporary injury (such as a broken arm) at the time of the writing test.</p> <p>All scribes must be officially and regularly engaged by the school to carry out this function and be aware of, and agree to adhere to, the NAPLAN scribe rules prior to commencing duties. Scribe rules can be found in section 6.8.9.</p> <p>A scribe may be a teacher, teacher's aide or other appropriate person who is familiar with, and adheres to, the NAPLAN scribe rules and who is able to write under direction from a student. A parent/carer of the student must not act as their scribe. Another student must not act as a scribe.</p>

6.7. Braille (TAA approval required)

- 6.7.1. Braille test materials can be provided for students who use braille to access the curriculum. All test materials are produced in contracted single-line spaced braille. However, for students who lack proficiency or who are new braille users, the test materials can be provided in uncontracted or double-line spaced formats, on request.
- 6.7.2. Schools wishing to access braille materials must apply to their TAA in line with these protocols.
- 6.7.3. Braille test materials will only be provided for the tests that are specified for a student in the application made by their school. For each test, the materials will include:
- braille format of the test book and stimulus (where applicable)
 - a print transcript of the braille format of each braille test book and stimulus (where applicable).
- 6.7.4. Students completing the braille numeracy calculator-allowed test, who use standalone software and talking calculator options where answers are presented in an audible way, should access such devices via headphones.
- 6.7.5. The logistics of using braille format warrant the provision of some extra time for all students accessing the test in this manner, regardless of their proficiency in this medium. For braille users, guidelines regarding the provision of extra time are per the following table, noting that these are a guide only. The allocation of extra time for a braille user should be decided on a case-by-case basis.

Writing	Reading	Language conventions	Numeracy
10 minutes per half hour	15 minutes per half hour	15 minutes per half hour	20 minutes per half hour

- 6.7.6. Completed braille tests must be returned in the manner prescribed by the TAA.

6.8. Use of a scribe (writing test) (TAA approval required)

- 6.8.1. A scribe (as defined in these protocols in section 11) may be permitted to assist a student with disability to complete the writing test only. The role of a scribe is to provide access to the writing test, not to improve a student's performance in this test.
- 6.8.2. A scribe may be provided for a student with disability in the writing test who meets all of the following criteria:
- has significant difficulty with the act of writing due to a disability (this does not refer to a student's difficulty processing what they want to write) or lacks fine motor control due to a disability, or experiences excessive fatigue of hands or upper limbs due to a disability; **and**
 - does not have fluency using alternative means of writing (e.g. students who lack fluency using a computer); **and**
 - regularly works with a scribe in the classroom; **and**
 - would be unable to access the writing test by any of the other adjustments available.

- 6.8.3. Scribes are only appropriate for students with disability for whom this is regular literacy assessment practice and where other adjustments are not sufficient or available. Poor handwriting in itself, or a reluctance to write, is not sufficient justification for the use of a scribe. Where appropriate, students should be encouraged to undertake the tests independently of a scribe, using alternative adjustments.
- 6.8.4. A NAPLAN scribe:
- must have experience working as a scribe; be an adult; be officially and regularly engaged by the school to carry out this function
 - must be familiar with and agree to adhere to the NAPLAN scribe rules (section 6.8.9) prior to scribing the NAPLAN writing test for the student
 - may be a teacher, teacher's aide or other appropriate person. Another student or a parent/carer of the student must not act as their scribe. A scribe should, wherever possible, be familiar with the student in question.
- 6.8.5. A scribe may write a student's response.
- 6.8.6. A scribe is permitted for the writing test where the disability is of an enduring nature. A scribe is not permitted for a student who has a temporary injury (such as a broken arm) at the time of the writing test.
- 6.8.7. Students who use a scribe may be permitted the use of a NAPLAN support person for the other NAPLAN tests if appropriate (see section 6.11). Where necessary, students should access an appropriate amount of extra time (see section 6.12).
- 6.8.8. In order to ensure national consistency in the use of scribes and to ensure that the results are not compromised, prior written permission to use a scribe must be sought and given by the respective TAA. Failure to do so may result in test results being invalidated.

6.8.9. Scribe rules

- Test instructions should be delivered exactly as outlined in the *NAPLAN test administration handbook for teachers – alternative format (paper)*.
- The scribe must write the following words at the beginning of the document: This student has approval for a scribe and all scribing rules are acknowledged.
- After allowing the student time to reflect and consider, a scribe will write as the student dictates and must neither suggest ideas or words to use, nor prompt the student in any other way. The student must be aware of the need to advise the scribe to add punctuation, capital letters and paragraph breaks.
- As the student dictates, the scribe will write word for word to reproduce the student's own language.
- The scribe must print all words in lower case without any punctuation, except as and where dictated by the student.
- The student may read, or request the scribe to read, the text back throughout the test for the purpose of maintaining continuity. However, the scribe should not lead the student to re-read the text.
- A spelling test must be performed before the student can be given the scribed text to proofread and edit. At the completion of the writing test time, the test administrator will need to add an appropriate amount of time for the spelling test.
- The scribe will select 4 simple words, 4 common words and 4 difficult words that have been used in the scribed text and ask the student to orally spell each one. The scribe will record the student's oral spelling of each of these 12 words in a space below the text.
- When completed, the scribe must cover the scribed text and show the student only the 12 spelling words. The scribe must ask the student to check these words and indicate any change that the scribe should make.
- When the test is over, the scribe will write the selected words in brackets next to each of the words spelt by the student to avoid any confusion during the marking process.
- If necessary, the test administrator will add an appropriate amount of time for the student to edit their work. The test administrator should use their professional judgement when adding time. During the editing time, the scribed text is given to the student to proofread and to indicate where punctuation is to be placed, if not indicated by the student in their original dictation. The scribe will then mark capitals, full stops, paragraphs, etc. as directed by the student.
- During this time, the student may also indicate any changes or additions to the text, and the scribe will write these where indicated by the student.

6.9. Assistive technology (TAA approval required)

- 6.9.1. Assistive technology may be used as an adjustment in line with equity principles (see section 6.2.). TAA procedures for granting adjustments for the use of assistive technology, including a computer, must be followed. Schools must seek approval and follow advice from their TAA for this adjustment prior to testing.
- 6.9.2. Where a student with disability regularly uses a computer as a part of usual disability adjustments in classroom assessments, this adjustment may be appropriate for use during the tests. For example, students may type their responses to items on a computer. These responses must then be printed and returned for processing in the manner prescribed by the TAA. TAAs manage the transcription of student responses.

- 6.9.3. Use of a computer must be in accordance with standard assessment practices: spellchecker and grammar checker, dictionary, predictive text, etc. must be turned off. Access to the internet or internal networks must also be completely restricted. It is expected that a basic level of logistical support is provided to students permitted to use assistive technology in line with normal test conditions (e.g. setting up of a computer).
- 6.9.4. Screen readers that provide text-to-speech outputs may be used by students to listen to their typed responses, where appropriate, in the numeracy test only. Students using a screen reader may need to be supervised by a support person to ensure that the screen reader only reads allowable parts of the test. See section 8.8.12 for parts of the numeracy test that may be read aloud.

6.10. Electronic test format (TAA approval required)

6.10.1. The electronic test is an electronic PDF of the test booklet that enables students to answer questions onscreen. It may be an appropriate adjustment for students with disability who use a computer as a part of their usual adjustments when participating in classroom assessments. This is only available to students who are not able to access the tests through any of the other adjustments available, including the use of large print material or assistive technology as outlined in section 6.9. For example, an electronic test format may be an appropriate adjustment for students with disability who have at least one of the following:

- severe vision problems without being braille proficient
- severe physical disabilities that restrict movement.

6.10.2. Students accessing the tests in this format are likely to need extra time. The allocation of extra time should be decided on a case-by-case basis. Refer to section 6.12 for more details on allocating extra time.

6.10.3. Schools wishing to access this adjustment must apply to their TAA in line with these protocols.

6.11. Use of a NAPLAN support person: non-writing domains (TAA approval not required)

6.11.1. A NAPLAN support person may be either a teacher or a person officially engaged by the school to carry out this function.

6.11.2. A NAPLAN support person may:

- be permitted for students with disability to assist with access to the reading, language conventions and numeracy tests by shading bubbles indicated by the student, or writing short responses or answers dictated by the student for the tests
- read aloud only those elements of the test that can be read to all students (see section 8.8.12).

6.11.3. The role of a NAPLAN support person is distinct and separate from the role of a test administrator (see definitions in section 11).

6.11.4. See section 6.8 for information on supported access to the writing test.

- 6.11.5. A NAPLAN support person is permitted only for those students with disability (including a temporary disability such as a broken arm) who experience difficulty in accessing the tests by any other adjustments available, including the use of a computer (e.g. due to fine motor difficulty), or who usually use such a support person to participate in classroom assessments.
- 6.11.6. A NAPLAN support person is permitted to provide access to the tests only and must adhere to the relevant requirements outlined in section 6.11. They may only provide the same access to test content that a test administrator can. Prompting, interpreting, paraphrasing, etc. are strictly prohibited practices.
- 6.11.7. Parents/carers and family members as a NAPLAN support person:
- If a parent/carer or family member has a child at a school at which they are regularly employed and/or engaged by the school in the capacity of a support person, then they may be permitted to be a NAPLAN support person.
 - A NAPLAN support person cannot be the parent/carer or family member of any student in the class of students being tested.
 - If the parent/carer or family member is not employed by the school in a formal position, then they are not permitted to assist in the NAPLAN tests as a NAPLAN support person.
 - Principal and school discretion and common sense should be applied, and the TAA should be consulted if necessary.

6.12. Extra time and rest breaks (TAA approval not required)

- 6.12.1. Extra time may be provided for students with disability who usually require additional time to complete assessment tasks. Rest breaks may be provided for students with disability who need regular breaks when completing assessment tasks.
- 6.12.2. It is recommended that no more than 5 minutes of extra time per half hour of test time be granted; however, depending on the level of disability, a longer time may be needed. The teacher and school are best placed to make the final decision based on the specific circumstances of the student in question, in line with TAA requirements.
- 6.12.3. Where relevant, rest breaks can be used as an alternative to extra time to avoid student fatigue, although there may be instances where both adjustments are necessary.
- 6.12.4. Students are not permitted to have access to the test during rest breaks.
- 6.12.5. For students who are braille users, see section 6.7 for further information.

6.13. Temporary injuries

- 6.13.1. Where a temporary injury that impacts a student's ability to access the tests independently has been sustained prior to the test, the school may make appropriate disability adjustments, such as the use of a computer to assist with the writing test, in line with section 6.6, or a NAPLAN support person to provide access to the other tests, in line with section 6.11.
- 6.13.2. A scribe is not permitted for students who have a temporary injury (such as a broken arm) at the time of the writing test, as students are likely to be disadvantaged when not familiar with using one.

- 6.13.3. A doctor's certificate may be requested to support an application for adjustments for a student with a temporary injury. It is not appropriate to request adjustments where these are not warranted by the nature of the injury.
- 6.13.4. Schools must ensure they obtain relevant approvals from their TAA for adjustments for students with temporary injuries, if required by these protocols.
- 6.13.5. If no available adjustment is appropriate to enable participation, and the student is unable to or cannot participate, the student must be marked absent from the test.

7. PREPARING STUDENTS FOR THE TEST

- 7.1.1. NAPLAN tests provide point-in-time information in relation to student performance. It is important that the results accurately reflect student ability. NAPLAN tests are not intended to be pass/fail type tests.
- 7.1.2. NAPLAN tests are intended to complement the existing range of school-based assessments. It is important that teachers ensure that students, while taking the NAPLAN tests seriously, are not overwhelmed by the experience. Students should be familiar with the test format and response types, but excessive practice is not recommended.
- 7.1.3. The provision of broad and comprehensive teaching and learning programs aligned to the Australian Curriculum is the best preparation that schools can provide for their students. Therefore, excessive coaching and test preparation are inappropriate.

7.2. Practice for the NAPLAN writing test

- 7.2.1. It is appropriate for students to gain experience in producing writing scripts under timed test conditions using practice topics.
- 7.2.2. It is not appropriate for teachers to instruct students in the preparation of a common script for the purpose of reproducing it during the test. Where scripts from students at the same school are found to have significant commonalities such that they could be considered to be pre-prepared learned scripts, this may be considered a breach of protocol.

7.3. Practice for other NAPLAN tests

- 7.3.1. It is appropriate for students, particularly students participating in the NAPLAN tests for the first time, to be made familiar with the format, language, response types and time constraints of the reading, language conventions and numeracy tests before they take the tests. Students should understand that they must complete the tests without communicating with other students and without teacher assistance (except where adjustments for students with disability are deemed necessary).

8. ADMINISTERING THE TESTS

8.1. Responsibilities of test administration authorities (TAAs)

- 8.1.1. Content for this section can be found in the complete NAPLAN national protocols for test administration, on ACARA's NAP website www.nap.edu.au.

8.2. Responsibilities of principals

- 8.2.1. Principals have overall responsibility for ensuring that these protocols are followed in their school, including when they have delegated duties.
- 8.2.2. Principals are responsible for the administration of the tests within their school, including when they have delegated duties.
- 8.2.3. Principals are responsible for the administration of arrangements for students undertaking catch-up tests and the conditions under which they are taken.

8.3. Students registered for non-school-based locations

- 8.3.1. Arrangements for the administration of the tests for students who do not normally attend a regular school location will vary in accordance with the legislation, regulations and policies in each of the states and territories. These protocols do not override existing state and territory requirements and may not reflect or apply to all situations.
- 8.3.2. In accordance with jurisdiction-specific legislation or policy, TAAs must ensure that students registered for non-school-based education are able to participate in the tests. Where participation in the tests can only occur in non-school locations, TAAs must ensure that measures are in place to ensure the security of the tests.
- 8.3.3. Students registered in non-school-based locations who are unable to attend a centralised testing location or local school to complete NAPLAN should contact their TAA to arrange alternative access.

8.4. Test durations

8.4.1. The following table shows the duration of each test:

Language conventions	Writing	Reading	Numeracy
Year 3: 45 min	Year 3: 40 min	Year 3: 45 min	Year 3: 45 min
Year 5: 45 min	Year 5: 40 min	Year 5: 50 min	Year 5: 50 min
Year 7: 45 min	Year 7: 40 min	Year 7: 65 min	Year 7: 65 min
Year 9: 45 min	Year 9: 40 min	Year 9: 65 min	Year 9: 65 min

8.5. Test sequence by domain

8.5.1. Tests must **not** be conducted before the official test date under any circumstances. The NAPLAN alternative format (paper) test window starts on Wednesday 13 March 2024 and finishes on Monday 18 March 2024. The test security period finishes on Thursday 28 March 2024. The tests must be conducted in the sequence shown in the test timetable. It is recommended that tests for each domain be completed by all classes at the same time, in the morning.

8.5.2. The test timetable is below:

Monday 11 March- Tuesday 12 March		Wednesday 13 March Official test date	Thursday 14 March Official test date	Friday 15 March Official test date
Preparation days only – no tests permitted		Language conventions Writing	Reading <i>catch-up tests permitted</i>	Numeracy <i>catch-up tests permitted</i>
Monday 18 March	Tuesday 19 March	Wednesday 20 March	Thursday 21 March	Friday 22 March
<i>catch-up tests permitted</i>	Test security must be maintained. These days may only be used for testing with permission from the TAA.			
Monday 25 March	Tuesday 26 March	Wednesday 27 March	Thursday 28 March	Good Friday: 29 March
Test security must be maintained. This week may only be used for testing with permission from the TAA.				

Please note that all test material must remain secure until Thursday, 28 March 2024.

8.6. Scheduling

- 8.6.1. The tests must be conducted in the sequence shown in the test timetable.
- 8.6.2. Only schools with compelling reasons may be given permission by TAAs to schedule tests outside the NAPLAN test window, into the test security period. The reason must be of a serious order and outside the school or school system's control; for example, where a local public holiday occurs during the testing period. It must not include activities scheduled ahead of time, such as school excursions, camps or carnivals. It is only available to classes or groups, not individual students.
- 8.6.3. Schools must schedule the tests in morning sessions on the official test dates. Schools must administer the tests in the sequence specified in section 8.5.2, including those days where 2 tests are conducted. Schools with permission to vary the test dates must follow the instructions provided by their TAA.
- 8.6.4. Where there is more than one test scheduled for any day, the order in the schedule in section 8.5.2 must be adhered to and a minimum of 20 minutes break time for students should be provided between the 2 test sessions.
- 8.6.5. Except in the case of individual students who have been granted rest breaks as disability adjustments or where test disruptions occur (see section 11 for definition), tests must be completed in a single, uninterrupted session. See also section 8.10 for information on how to manage test disruptions.
- 8.6.6. Catch-up test sessions for students who have been absent for a scheduled test may be scheduled during the test window and only at a time after the scheduled test. They must be held as soon as possible after the scheduled test. They must not be scheduled beyond the test window.

8.7. Preparation for test administration

- 8.7.1. Responsibilities of the principal
 - The principal must determine and appoint, if required, relevant persons to act as test administrators.
 - The principal must ensure test administrators are provided with the relevant *NAPLAN test administration handbook for teachers – alternative format (paper)* and all assessment materials, and are familiar with the requirements of the role, including implementation of disability adjustments for relevant students.
 - Principals must obtain permission from their TAA, in accordance with TAA guidelines, where computers or network-enabled devices are used. Where permission to use computers is granted, the internet connection, spellchecker and grammar checker, and text prediction functions must be disabled.
 - The principal must ensure test administrators are provided with a copy of the code of conduct (section 2).

8.7.2. The principal must ensure that:

- under no circumstances, any student undertakes a test before the specified test date
- all students undertake tests with appropriate supervision. Appropriate supervision includes the delivery of the test administration script
- during the test, students are not able to view material within the test area that could assist them to answer questions or assist with the writing test. Examples of such material include, but are not limited to, multiplication tables, spelling lists and writing charts
- spare or unused test books are not used as practice books for any students (regardless of year level) before the end of the test security period
- test materials are not provided to any teachers (regardless of year level or subject area) before the end of the test security period, unless required for the delivery of the NAPLAN tests.

8.7.3. The principal has the responsibility to adhere to and enforce the procedures outlined in the *NAPLAN handbook for principals and NAPLAN coordinators – alternative format (paper)*.

8.8. Administering the tests – appropriate behaviours

8.8.1. Test administrators must ensure that staff members demonstrate professional and ethical behaviour regarding all aspects of test administration. Any assistance that answers a test question for a student or advantages them in any way will be considered cheating (see also section 11).

8.8.2. “Cheating” refers to behaviour undertaken with the intent of conferring or obtaining unfair advantage in or from the assessment process.

8.8.3. In the case of a teacher, test administrator or school, an advantage would generally be observed in the performance of the school or cohort, and cheating may include:

- viewing test materials before the morning of the test and using this knowledge to prepare students
- explaining, paraphrasing or interpreting questions (including translating questions into another language or dialect)
- giving verbal or physical hints to students about the accuracy of their responses
- reminding students about related work completed in class
- providing extra time for students to complete a test unless authorised by the protocols (see section 6.12)
- informing individual students or groups of students undertaking the test in a catch-up session of test content
- changing student responses during or after the test
- knowingly allowing students to engage in behaviour amounting to cheating.

- 8.8.4. Student cheating is not considered a breach of these protocols; however, it may reflect a breach by test administrators. In the case of students, an advantage would generally be observed in their individual result. Acts of academic misconduct by students during the tests, such as cheating, are to be dealt with through schools' existing procedures. Cheating may include intentionally:
- taking unauthorised equipment or prohibited information into the test room
 - communicating with any person other than an administrator during the test introduction time, planning time or during the test
 - looking at another student's work
 - working on the incorrect test in the "flip" test book.
- 8.8.5. Where a student is found to have cheated, or is reasonably suspected of having done so, the TAA must be contacted as soon as possible.
- 8.8.6. During the tests, students should be seated so they are not able to read other students' work. If students take the tests in their classroom, the test administrator must be always present. If students are seated with a larger group (e.g. in a hall), the student to test administrator ratio must be comparable to that of a regular classroom.
- 8.8.7. It is expected that test administrators will actively supervise students at all times, including walking around the room, to ensure that test conditions are maintained. When administering the tests in the "flip" test books, test administrators must ensure that students are working on the correct test. The page borders in the test books have been shaded differently to assist this supervision.
- 8.8.8. Test administrators are responsible for ensuring that only permitted items are taken into the test area. This involves taking reasonable steps to ensure the security of the testing environment is maintained by students not bringing in cameras, mobile phones or devices that connect to the internet.
- 8.8.9. The following items are NOT permitted in the test area under any circumstances*:
- mobile phones (principals must ensure that students are notified that mobile phones are not permitted)
 - electronic devices that can store, receive or transmit information or electronic signals. This includes recorded music and video players, cameras, organisers, dictionaries, scanning pens, computerised watches or any other internet-connectable device
 - dictionaries
 - rulers
 - calculators for the non-calculator section.

*Note: Where exceptional circumstances may apply, please refer to section 6.1.3.

8.8.10. Test administrators must ensure that students only have permitted items in the test area. Principals are responsible for ensuring that these items are available to all students. The permitted items are:

- pencils or pens (as specified by the TAA)
- pencil sharpener
- eraser
- one blank piece of paper for each of the tests, which is to be collected by a test administrator at the end of the test
- calculators for the Years 7 and 9 numeracy calculator-allowed section
- where necessary, assistive technology as a disability adjustment, which may include a computer.

8.8.11. Test administrators are responsible for the use of calculators in the Years 7 and 9 numeracy tests.

- Students will be permitted to take into the test the calculator they currently use at school or with which they are most familiar, unless it is disallowed according to section 8.8.10.
- Schools should ensure that they have a sufficient reserve supply of calculators.
- Test administrators are responsible for ensuring that all calculators have been checked and that no information that might advantage a student has been stored on the calculator.
- Test administrators are responsible for ensuring calculators are not accessible after the calculator-allowed section of the test.
- Calculators do not include multifunction or internet-accessible devices.

8.8.12. Reading aloud to students

- The literacy demands of the numeracy test should not exclude a student from accessing the numeracy questions. However, it is not intended that a test administrator leads the class through the numeracy test, question by question, unless the literacy standard of the whole class is a barrier to access.

Test administrators are permitted to:	Test administrators are NOT permitted to:
✓ read the writing stimulus	× read questions or stimulus material in the reading or language conventions tests
✓ read the text in numeracy questions	× read numbers and symbols that are not embedded in text in numeracy questions
✓ read numbers and symbols when they are embedded in text in numeracy questions	× interpret diagrams, or explain or rephrase questions
✓ read the test instructions	× paraphrase, interpret or give hints about questions or texts
✓ read the practice questions.	× translate any part of the paper into another language.

8.9. Instructions by test administrators

8.9.1. Test instructions must be delivered exactly as documented in the *NAPLAN test administration handbook for teachers – alternative format (paper)*. Instructions outside those specified in the handbook should be minimal. Typically, these other instructions may be to:

- remind students of elapsed time
- maintain test conditions for all students
- remind students to check that they have completed all questions.

8.9.2. Under no circumstances is it appropriate to prompt students to record or change any response.

8.10. Time taken to complete tests and test disruptions

8.10.1. All students must be allocated the standard time set for each test unless they are granted extra time in accordance with the protocols (see sections 6.12 and 8.4).

8.10.2. Variations from the allocated time may be permitted only in cases where students have been granted extra time as a disability adjustment prior to the tests. These variations should be recorded as required by the TAA.

8.10.3. Schools should contact the TAA for advice as soon as possible where:

- they believe a test disruption may impact on test results
- they have had a significant or persistent test disruption and/or could not complete the test session.

8.10.4. If a student commences any test and, due to illness (i.e. a medical or social/emotional condition) or injury, is unable to finish the test during the official test session, the TAA must be contacted. If the TAA sanctions the reason for the student abandoning the test, the test book must be marked as abandoned. If the TAA does not sanction the reason for the student abandoning the test, the test book will be marked based on any questions answered.

8.10.5. Where student behaviour during the tests is disruptive to the point where it might impact on one or more students' results, the assessment environment should be appropriately managed. Students removed from the test room for disciplinary reasons must either continue the test in a separate supervised room immediately or be deemed to have finished the test.

8.11. Collection of test materials and post-test procedures

8.11.1. At the end of the test session, test administrators must collect all test books and hand them immediately to the principal or principal's delegate for secure storage until returned for processing. All other material, including stimulus materials and unused test books, must also be collected from the test area and kept secure until the end of the testing period. No students, teachers (unless they are a test administrator) or any unauthorised persons should remove any test material from the test area.

- 8.11.2. Test books must be returned for processing in the manner specified by the TAA, by the specified date. The absence of the principal (or delegate) from the school is not a reason for the late return of test books. Schools should have an alternative plan in place if the principal or delegate is absent during the test window and security period.
- 8.11.3. Schools must not copy, transcribe or transmit student responses, or cause responses to be recorded, except as outlined by these protocols. This prohibition includes photocopying completed test books and/or asking students to record their answers separately from their response book (except as may be required for their disability adjustment).
- 8.11.4. Under no circumstances should test administrators mark any test books or provide results to teachers, parents/carers and/or students.
- 8.11.5. Test administrators are not to transcribe special print books unless advised by TAAs.
- 8.11.6. Schools are responsible for returning or destroying any unused paper test materials and other alternative format materials, following TAA instruction.

9. MARKING

9.1. Responsibilities of ACARA

- 9.1.1. A common set of quality assurance procedures and processes to ensure comparable marking standards across the country has been set at the national level.
- 9.1.2. ACARA is responsible for the quality assurance procedures for marking.
- 9.1.3. The procedures include:
- a common set of marking criteria for the writing test and questions requiring judgement on the quality of a response (e.g. short response spelling and numeracy items). The 3 methods of marking include:
 1. expert marking (marking requiring professional judgement on the value of the answer)
 2. professional scoring (trained scorers who provide a score based on a defined set of acceptable responses)
 3. scoring electronically after editing (recording student responses by keying from paper or from screen or via a suitable technology such as Optical Character Recognition [OCR] or Intelligent Character Recognition [ICR])
 - common training procedures and materials for all tests: this will include common marker manuals, training materials and, for writing, training of lead markers from each TAA
 - agreed common minimum procedures for quality assurance that will apply across all TAAs.

9.2. Responsibilities of test administration authorities (TAAs)

- 9.2.1. Content for this section can be found in the complete NAPLAN national protocols for test administration, on ACARA's NAP website www.nap.edu.au.

10. BREACHES OF TEST PROTOCOLS

- 10.1.1. Any allegation of a situation or incident that contravenes these protocols, including the code of conduct, or is suspected of breaching these protocols, is taken seriously and must be investigated and managed in line with the *NAPLAN guidelines for managing test incidents in schools*, available on the NAP website (www.nap.edu.au).
- 10.1.2. Whether an allegation of a breach of these protocols amounts to cheating is a question of whether there was an intent on the part of the person responsible for the breach to effect or obtain an unfair advantage (on behalf of a student, a cohort of students or a school). The question of intent, where relevant, should be determined during any subsequent investigation.
- 10.1.3. ACARA will publish an annual statement reporting NAPLAN test incidents to support the integrity of the testing process and to inform test administrators about appropriate behaviours.

10.2. Reporting of incidents

- 10.2.1. All allegations of test incidents or breaches of these protocols must be reported immediately to the relevant responsible entity and TAA.
- 10.2.2. Where an incident is reported or suspected at a school level, the school is required to document the allegation and follow the actions outlined in the NAPLAN guidelines for managing test incidents in schools as soon as possible. Failure to do so is itself a breach of these protocols.
- 10.2.3. Where an incident is reported directly to a TAA, the principal(s) concerned and/or the appropriate school authority, school owners and/or school boards must be notified as soon as possible.

10.3. Investigation of incidents

- 10.3.1. When a report alleging a breach of the protocols is received by a TAA, the relevant responsible entity will require that an investigation of the allegation is undertaken.
- 10.3.2. The investigation of an incident may involve other authorities in cases where the governance of the school does not reside with the state or territory education department or authority.
- 10.3.3. Similarly, any action taken against an individual or a school as the result of an investigation confirming a breach or cheating will be undertaken by the relevant authority or agency.
- 10.3.4. A record of all alleged incidents and breaches, together with the findings and subsequent outcome of the investigation, will be recorded in an incident register and reported to ACARA as soon as possible.

10.4. Types of incidents

- 10.4.1. Situations or incidents cited in this document as examples are not inclusive of all possible situations or incidents. Any incident that compromises the security or integrity of NAPLAN testing, including behaviours listed as inappropriate, should be considered as a possible breach of protocol and reported accordingly for investigation.
- 10.4.2. States and territories may be liable for additional costs of printing, distribution and marking associated with test incidents.

10.5. Breaches of security for the writing test

- 10.5.1. While it is important that the security of all NAPLAN tests is maintained until the test days, the content of the writing test is particularly sensitive, as each writing test is a one-item test. Any pre-publication of the content of the writing test poses a significant face validity issue (see section 4.3.11).
- 10.5.2. If the writing topic is known to students in advance, and they have had an opportunity to practise their writing, this exposure provides a significant advantage to students and may compromise the test data.
- 10.5.3. Any alleged breaches of writing test content must be immediately reported to ACARA. ACARA will have an action plan to deal with such incidents.

10.6. Consequences of substantiated incidents

- 10.6.1. Any substantiated breach of protocol that is deemed to have affected the validity of any test data may result in a TAA or ACARA withholding these data.
- 10.6.2. The responsible entity for each school, be it the TAA, education department or the school authority / school owners / school boards, is directly responsible for any disciplinary action in schools within its jurisdiction, which follows from inappropriate behaviour by school staff or students in relation to security of test material and/or of test administration.

11. DEFINITIONS

Absent student	A student who did not take the test because they were not present at the school in which they are enrolled when the test was administered and who was not able to complete the test in a catch-up session.
Alternative format tests	A test provided in a format outside the online national assessment platform, either as a paper test (e.g. Year 3 writing tests) or as a disability adjustment (e.g. Braille tests). All alternative format tests, apart from Year 3 writing tests, require approval from the relevant TAA in line with these protocols.
Alternative format (disability adjustment) tests	Alternative format (disability adjustment) tests refer to hard copy braille, large print, black and white masters for photocopying, and electronic PDF tests.
Alternative format (paper) tests	Alternative format (paper) tests are provided for the Year 3 writing test, and for all domains for schools with a TAA-approved alternative curriculum where technology is not introduced until Year 5 or above.
Breach of protocol	Any breach of the <i>NAPLAN national protocols for test administration – alternative format (paper)</i> that may relate to test security, cheating or any other breach.
Breach of security	Any breach of the <i>NAPLAN national protocols for test administration – alternative format (paper)</i> that bears upon the security of the test materials prior to and during the test security period.
Catch-up session	Test sessions made available for students who were identified by the school they are enrolled in as absent for their scheduled NAPLAN test (see section 5.4). Catch-up sessions are not available to visiting students attending a host school (see section 5.8).
Cheating	Behaviour undertaken with the intent of conferring or obtaining unfair advantage in or from the assessment process.
Disability adjustments	Adjustments intended to allow students with disability to participate in and access the tests on the same basis as students without disability, while upholding the integrity of the testing process. See section 6 for reasonable adjustments permitted in the tests.
Exempt	Students may be exempt from one or more of the tests (i.e. writing, reading, language conventions, numeracy) on the grounds of English language proficiency or disability (see section 5.2).
NAPLAN support person	A NAPLAN support person enables students with disability to access the test by shading bubbles indicated by the student, or writing short responses or answers dictated by the student for the reading, language conventions and numeracy tests. A NAPLAN support person may read aloud only those elements of the test that can be read to all students. A NAPLAN support person is not used for the writing test. A NAPLAN support person may be either a teacher or an official support person engaged by the school (not a parent/carer of the student or another student). The role of NAPLAN support person is distinct and separate from the role of test administrator (see below definition). More information on the use of a NAPLAN support person can be found at section 6.11.

Principal's role	The principal is accountable for NAPLAN administration at their school.
Released test materials	NAPLAN test materials that have been released for non-commercial educational use. For schools doing online NAPLAN tests, materials will be released to them in a secure manner after the end of the test security period.
Responsible entity	An entity that has authority in relation to any particular school or school system to receive and assess initial reports of possible breaches of the protocols (e.g. school board, system authority, government department, depending on school type). See <i>NAPLAN guidelines for managing test incidents</i> (www.nap.edu.au) for more information.
Sanctioned abandonment	Refers to an abandoned test attempt that has been sanctioned and verified by the TAA. It applies only to a student who has started a test but who abandons the test due to illness (i.e. a medical or social/emotional condition) or injury (see section 5.5)
Scribe	A person who assists a student with disability during the writing test. All other one-on-one support granted as adjustments is covered under the term "NAPLAN support person". Scribes are only appropriate for students with disability where all requirements in section 6.8.2 are met and for whom access to a scribe is a regular literacy assessment practice. See section 6.8 for more information on the processes a scribe must follow, including the scribe rules.
Test administration authority (TAA)	An education department or NAPLAN test authority in each state or territory, which has a responsibility for administration of the tests in that jurisdiction. TAAs are listed in section 12.
Test administrator	A teacher, school staff member and/or school support staff involved in delivering (administering) the NAPLAN tests to students. Test administrators are not permitted to assist students by writing answers or shading in bubbles. See section 6 for information on adjustments available for students with disability who require assistance in order to access the tests.
Test disruption	An unexpected disturbance that interrupts a test, such as a fire alarm, electricity outage, technical issue, toilet break and other test room disruptions. Technical issues are related to the use of technology and might include technical failures. Test disruptions may impact one or more students.
Test materials	For the purposes of these protocols, test materials are all materials that must be kept secure throughout the test security period. These are all versions of the tests including braille and alternative format tests.
Test security period	The period during which the NAPLAN tests remain secure. The test security period starts as soon as secure test materials are received by, or released to, a school, and continues until Thursday 28 March 2024. (Refer to table in section 8.5.2.)
Test window	The 3 official days of test administration for alternative format (paper) test delivery are Wednesday 13 March 2024 – Friday 15 March 2024, with Monday 18 March used for catch-up testing.
Withdrawn	Students may be withdrawn from the testing program by their parent/carer on the basis of issues such as religious beliefs and philosophical objections to testing.

12. TEST ADMINISTRATION AUTHORITY CONTACT DETAILS

TAAAs should be contacted for questions and advice relating to the administration of the NAPLAN tests, including state- and territory-based practices, advice regarding the appropriate implementation of the protocols, and any issues arising during the administration of the tests.

<p>ACT Senior Director, Performance and Systems Education Directorate GPO Box 158 Canberra ACT 2601 Tel: (02) 6205 9317 Web: www.education.act.gov.au</p>	<p>SA NAPLAN team Education Assessments and Collections 31 Flinders Street Adelaide SA 5000 Tel: 1800 316 777 Email: education.naplan@sa.gov.au Web: www.education.sa.gov.au</p>
<p>NSW NAPLAN Team NSW Education Standards Authority 117 Clarence Street Sydney NSW 2000 Tel: 1300 119 556 / (02) 9367 8382 Email: naplan.nsw@nesa.nsw.edu.au Web: educationstandards.nsw.edu.au</p>	<p>Tas Director Data, Systems and Insights – DSI Department for Education, Children and Young People GPO Box 169 Hobart TAS 7001 Tel: (03) 6165 5914 Email: naplan@decyp.tas.gov.au Web: https://www.decyp.tas.gov.au/</p>
<p>NT Assistant Director National and Systemic Assessment Systemic Assessment, Performance and Reporting Department of Education GPO Box 4821 Darwin NT 0801 Tel: (08) 8944 9245 Email: naplan@education.nt.gov.au Web: www.education.nt.gov.au</p>	<p>Vic Manager, Assessment Programs Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority Assessment Programs Unit Level 7, 2 Lonsdale Street Melbourne VIC 3000 Tel: 1800 648 637 Email: vcaa.naplan.help@education.vic.gov.au Web: www.vcaa.vic.edu.au</p>
<p>Qld NAPLAN Team Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority PO Box 307 Spring Hill QLD 4004 Tel: 1300 214 452 Email: NAPLAN@qcaa.qld.edu.au Web: www.qcaa.qld.edu.au</p>	<p>WA Manager, K–10 Testing School Curriculum and Standards Authority PO Box 816 Cannington WA 6987 Tel: (08) 9442 9442 Email: naplan@scsa.wa.edu.au Web: www.scsa.wa.edu.au</p>
<p>ACARA can be contacted for general enquiries about the NAPLAN program, by submitting an online enquiry: www.acara.edu.au/online-enquiry</p> <p>ACARA Level 13, Tower B, Centennial Plaza, 280 Elizabeth Street, Sydney NSW 2000 Web: www.nap.edu.au</p>	

PART B: NAPLAN SCHEDULE OF TASKS

Test preparation	Key dates
<p>Student test books</p> <p>Student test books have been printed and personalised with student and school details using information taken from the WA NAPLAN registration website in December 2023. This website is managed by FUJIFILM DMS.</p>	<p>January 2024</p>
<p>Writing marking applications</p> <p>Principals advise staff that NAPLAN writing marker applications are completed online on the <i>School Curriculum and Standards Authority</i> website.</p> <p>Go to https://k10outline.scsa.wa.edu.au/home/assessment/testing/naplan/markers for more information and the link to the application form.</p>	<p>Fri Nov 17 to Mon 29 Jan</p>
<p>Informing staff</p> <p>Principals nominate NAPLAN coordinators and test administration staff and inform all staff of the NAPLAN testing period to discuss preparation and implementation.</p>	<p>from Mon 29 Jan</p>
<p>Update school contact details in SIRS</p> <p>Update the principal and NAPLAN contacts in SIRS, using the 'Providers: Provider Search/Provider Members' tab.</p> <p>For assistance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Section 2 of the Data Procedures Manual at https://www.scsa.wa.edu.au/publications - Phone: Cristina Caruso, SIRS Coordinator on 9263 6317 - Email: cristina.caruso@scsa.wa.edu.au <p>Provide names and email addresses. These are required to ensure NAPLAN communications are sent to the correct staff members.</p>	<p>Mon 29 Jan to Wed 31 Jan</p>
<p>Pre-test mailout is delivered to schools</p> <p>Pre-test packages will be delivered to schools by Team Global Express (TGE) courier and must be signed for. Packages contain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - cover letter for the principal - <i>NAPLAN handbook for principals and NAPLAN coordinators 2024—alternative format (paper)</i> - NAPLAN Information for parents and carers 2024 brochures <p>On receipt of materials, the principal should read the <i>NAPLAN handbook for principals and NAPLAN coordinators 2024—alternative format (paper)</i> which outlines protocols, responsibilities and procedures.</p> <p>If the pre-test package has not been delivered by Friday, 2 February, contact:</p> <p>Fujifilm DMS help desk: 1300 990 265 or naplan.wa.qd@fujifilm.com NAPLAN helpdesk: 9442 9442 or naplan@scsa.wa.edu.au</p>	<p>Mon 29 Jan to Fri 2 Feb</p>
<p>Applications for Special Print test materials— no later than Tuesday 6 February</p> <p>See section 6 of <i>NAPLAN handbook for principals and NAPLAN coordinators 2024—alternative format (paper)</i>.</p> <p>Special print materials (Braille, large print, black and white masters for photocopying onto coloured paper, electronic USB tests) are available for students with disabilities who regularly use these formats in the classroom.</p> <p>Applications via the NAPLAN helpdesk at naplan@scsa.wa.edu.au should be made as a matter of urgency with the details of the student/s and test format/s provided.</p>	<p>no later than Tues 6 Feb</p>

<p>Register students in SIRS</p> <p>Upload Student Registration and Demographic information (via SRGDG file) for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9.</p> <p>For assistance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Section 4 of the Data Procedures Manual or Section 3 of the Primary Student Registration Procedures Manual at: https://www.scsa.wa.edu.au/publications - Email: dataservices@scsa.wa.edu.au - Phone: Data Services on 9273 6352 	<p>Mon 29 Jan to Thurs 8 Feb</p>
<p>Informing parents/carers</p> <p>Inform parents/carers about NAPLAN participation through school newsletter.</p> <p>Distribute NAPLAN <i>Information for parents and carers</i> 2024 brochures to parents/carers, received with the pre-test materials.</p> <p>Soft copies of the brochure are available on the SCSA website at https://k10outline.scsa.wa.edu.au/home/assessment/testing/naplan</p>	<p>from Mon 5 Feb</p>
<p>Handbooks</p> <p>Distribute the NAPLAN handbook for principals and NAPLAN coordinators to relevant staff.</p> <p>Soft copies of all handbooks are available on the SCSA website at https://k10outline.scsa.wa.edu.au/home/assessment/testing/naplan</p>	<p>from Mon 5 Feb</p>
<p>Adjustments for disability requiring TAA approval due by Friday, 1 March</p> <p>See section 6 of the <i>NAPLAN handbook for principals and NAPLAN coordinators – alternative format (paper)</i>, noting that adjustments applied to NAPLAN tests must be documented at the school in students' Individual Learning Plans and be used on a regular basis in classroom assessments.</p> <p>Identify students who qualify for adjustments for disability and liaise with their parents/carers.</p> <p>Adjustments requiring TAA approval</p> <p>These adjustments are: <i>Computer for writing</i> and <i>Writing test scribe</i>. To seek approval to apply these adjustments, please email SCSA at naplan@scsa.wa.edu.au with details of the student/s and the adjustment required.</p> <p>Adjustments NOT requiring TAA approval</p> <p>These are: <i>Rest breaks, extra time up to 15 mins per half hour of test time, support person</i>. No notification to SCSA is required, but records are to be kept for auditing purposes.</p>	<p>by Fri 1 Mar</p>
<p>Exemption applications due by Friday, 1 March</p> <p>See section 5.2 of the <i>NAPLAN handbook for principals and NAPLAN coordinators – alternative format (paper)</i>.</p> <p>Identify students who qualify for exemption and liaise with their parents/carers. Parent/carer consent is required for exemption.</p> <p>Applications for exemption can be made online at https://webforms.scsa.wa.edu.au/Forms/Exemption-Application/</p> <p>The form is also available from https://k10outline.scsa.wa.edu.au/home/assessment/testing/naplan under the heading 'Forms'.</p>	<p>by Fri 1 Mar</p>

<p>Once submitted, a copy of the application will be automatically forwarded to SCSA, the principal, the parent/carer, the school sector (AISWA, CEWA or DoE SSEN-D) and the NAPLAN coordinator (if submitted by them).</p> <p>Schools will be contacted by their sector if there is a query with the form.</p>	
<p>Withdrawal forms due by Wednesday, 6 March</p> <p>See section 5.3 of the <i>NAPLAN handbook for principals and NAPLAN coordinators—alternative format (paper)</i>.</p> <p>Student withdrawal must be initiated by the parent/carer.</p> <p>Applications for withdrawal can be made online at https://webforms.scsa.wa.edu.au/Forms/Withdrawal-Application/</p> <p>The form is also available from https://k10outline.scsa.wa.edu.au/home/assessment/testing/naplan under the heading 'Forms'.</p> <p>Once submitted by the school, a copy of the application will be automatically forwarded to SCSA, the principal, the parent/carer, and the NAPLAN coordinator (if submitted by them).</p> <p>Schools will be contacted by SCSA if there is a query with the form.</p>	<p>by Wed 6 Mar</p>
<p>Check mail for arrival of Special Print test papers (Braille, large print)</p> <p>Special print test papers will be dispatched on Wednesday, 28 February from SCSA by registered mail (Australia Post) to those schools requiring them.</p> <p>If special print papers have not been received Friday, 8 March, contact:</p> <p>NAPLAN helpdesk: 9442 9442 or naplan@scsa.wa.edu.au</p>	<p>Wed 28 Feb to Fri 8 Mar</p>
<p>Public holiday</p>	<p>Mon 4 Mar</p>
<p>Test administrator preparation</p> <p>Refer to section 8.8 in Part A of this handbook, <i>Administering the tests</i>.</p> <p>Brief all test administrators and support persons, ensuring you emphasise the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The <i>NAPLAN test administration handbook for teachers—alternative format (paper) 2024</i> must be read carefully and followed exactly. - No assistance whatsoever, beyond that described in the <i>Test administration handbooks</i>, can be given to students, including reminding them of work recently completed in class. - Photos or videos must not be taken in the test room. - Word lists, posters, displays, charts or other materials which may assist students to answer test questions and unfairly advantage them must be covered over or removed. - Incidents such as late arrival, illness, disruptions, refusal or abandonment must be recorded. - Rules for adjustments for students with disability must be followed (see section 6 in Part A of this handbook, <i>Adjustments for students with disability</i>). <p>Advise classroom test administrators of students who are exempt, withdrawn, visiting or need adjustments for disability.</p>	<p>Mon 11 Mar to Tue 12 Mar</p>
<p>NAPLAN alternative format (paper) test window</p>	<p>Wed 13 Mar to Fri 15 Mar</p>
<p>NAPLAN security period</p>	<p>Ends Thurs 28 Mar</p>

<p>The WA NAPLAN registration website</p> <p>This website is used by schools to acknowledge receipt of test papers, to record details of test materials being returned, and to notify the Team Global Express (TGE) courier that completed test material is ready for collection.</p> <p>It is accessed via the Fujifilm DMS portal at https://wanaplan.serviceportal.net.au/sc/</p> <p>School accounts have been active since November 2023 when principals and NAPLAN coordinators checked, edited and added details of 2023 Years 2, 4, 6 and 8 students to the website, in preparation for personalisation of test books.</p> <p>If you are a new principal at the school in 2024, please email the NAPLAN helpdesk naplan@scsa.wa.edu.au so an account can be set up for you.</p> <p>You will receive an account activation email from noreply@fujifilm.com. Please look in your junk/spam folder if you are expecting this email. The link to activate your account is live for 48 hours only.</p> <p>You will be the account holder and your username will be your email address. You will create your own password. The website requires multi-factor authentication, which will occur via the account holder's email.</p> <p>Once the new principal is an account holder, an account for a NAPLAN coordinator can be arranged, if necessary.</p> <p>More information will be supplied in NAPLAN email updates.</p> <p>For assistance in accessing your account, contact:</p> <p>Fujifilm DMS help desk: 1300 990 265 or naplan.wa.qd@fujifilm.com</p> <p>NAPLAN helpdesk: 9442 9442 or naplan@scsa.wa.edu.au</p>	<p>from Mon 29 Jan</p>
<p>Test materials arrive in schools</p> <p>Prepare for receipt of test materials. The materials will arrive on or before Thursday, 29 February.</p> <p>The materials are couriered to schools by Team Global Express (TGE) and will arrive during school hours.</p> <p>The box/es will be labelled 'IMPORTANT: FOR THE PRINCIPAL'.</p> <p>Advise staff who are to take receipt of the test materials that they must sign for them legibly and notify the principal and NAPLAN coordinator immediately.</p> <p>The principal or NAPLAN coordinator must organise the secure storage of the test materials.</p> <p>If the materials have not been received by Thursday, 29 February, contact:</p> <p>Fujifilm DMS help desk: 1300 990 265 or naplan.wa.qd@fujifilm.com</p> <p>NAPLAN helpdesk: 9442 9442 or naplan@scsa.wa.edu.au</p>	<p>up to Thurs 29 Feb</p>
<p>Check test materials as soon as possible</p> <p>On receipt of NAPLAN test materials, open box/es. Retain packaging for return of completed test materials.</p> <p>Check contents of each package using the package label and by counting the number of books (spines) through the clear plastic window in the side of each tamper evident bag.</p> <p>DO NOT OPEN TAMPER-EVIDENT PACKS.</p> <p>Ensure that the materials received include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - cover letter to the principal - test books for each domain (language conventions/writing; reading; numeracy) personalised with student details on the front cover - writing stimulus sheets and reading magazines for each year level - extra test materials, including non-personalised (blank) test books - <i>Test administration handbooks for teachers—alternative format (paper) 2024</i> - envelope containing instructions for returning test materials. 	<p>up to Thurs 29 Feb</p>

<p>Acknowledge receipt of test materials on the WA NAPLAN registration website</p> <p>Go to the WA NAPLAN registration website at https://wanaplan.serviceportal.net.au/sc/ on or before Thursday, 29 February to confirm receipt of materials and record the number of books and stimulus materials received.</p> <p>For assistance, contact</p> <p>Fujifilm DMS help desk: 1300 990 265 or naplan.wa.qd@fujifilm.com</p> <p>NAPLAN helpdesk: 9442 9442 or naplan@scsa.wa.edu.au</p>	<p>up to Thurs 29 Feb</p>
<p>Request additional materials</p> <p>If any test materials are missing, or there are insufficient materials, go to the WA NAPLAN registration website at https://wanaplan.serviceportal.net.au/sc/ and request additional materials by Thursday, 7 March.</p> <p>These will be couriered by TGE and must be signed for in the same manner as the first test material delivery.</p> <p>If additional orders have not arrived at the school by Monday, 11 March, contact:</p> <p>Fujifilm DMS help desk: 1300 990 265 or naplan.wa.qd@fujifilm.com</p> <p>NAPLAN Helpdesk: 9442 9442 or naplan@scsa.wa.edu.au</p>	<p>by Thurs 7 Mar</p> <p>by Mon Mar 11</p>
<p>Providing student details on the front cover of non-personalised test books</p> <p>For students who do not have a personalised book and will be using a non-personalised book for the test, a teacher should clearly write the student details on the front cover of the test book before the test day.</p> <p>Students' given and family names using capital letters, the WASN, and date of birth are to be provided.</p> <p>Students should not write this information on their test books during test sessions.</p>	<p>before test day</p>

Test delivery	Key dates
<p>Classroom preparation</p> <p>Advise teachers to prepare classrooms for test conditions, including removal of charts and printed material.</p> <p>See sections 8.7 and 8.8 of Part A of this handbook.</p>	<p>Tues 12 Mar to Fri 15 Mar</p>
<p>Test administrator materials</p> <p>Prior to each test, distribute materials that test administrators will need, ensuring they receive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a test book for each student. All non-personalised books being used must have student details written on the front. - blank (working-out) paper for each student - a class list, with any disability adjustments next to student names, and where applicable, exemptions and withdrawals noted. - spare pencils, erasers and sharpeners - calculators, including some spares, for Years 7 and 9 numeracy <p>The test administrator should use the class list to record any incidents during the test session.</p>	<p>Wed 13 Mar to Fri 15 Mar</p>

<p>Adjustments for students with an injury or temporary disability</p> <p>Adjustments for students who sustain an injury or temporary disability prior to the test may be applied in line with section 6.13 of Part A of this handbook.</p> <p>The adjustment for disability, <i>use of a computer for writing test</i>, requires TAA approval. Please email SCSA at naplan@scsa.wa.edu.au with details of the student and the injury/disability incurred. Schools will be contacted by SCSA if there is a query with the application.</p> <p>NOTE: a scribe may NOT be used for the writing test for a temporary disability, in line with section 6.13 In Part A of this handbook.</p> <p>No notification to SCSA of adjustments for disability that do not usually require TAA approval is required; however, records are to be kept for auditing purposes.</p>	<p>Wed 13 Mar to Fri 15 Mar</p>
<p>Collect test materials</p> <p>Collect all material used in the tests (including all working-out/planning paper) at the completion of each test session and store securely.</p>	<p>Wed 13 Mar to Mon 18 Mar</p>
<p>Test breaches</p> <p>Report any test breaches to SCSA by phoning 9442 9464.</p>	<p>Wed 13 Mar to Mon 18 Mar</p>
<p>Final date for testing</p> <p>Friday, 15 March is the final day for testing.</p>	<p>Fri 15 Mar</p>
<p>Final day for catch-up testing</p> <p>Monday, 18 March is reserved for catch-up testing only, for students who were absent from school on the day of their scheduled test.</p> <p>All catch-up testing must be completed by Monday, 18 March.</p>	<p>Mon 18 Mar</p>

Returning test materials – packing instructions	Key dates
<p>Personalised books</p> <p>Pack any used and unused personalised test books into their original box. Attach any typed scripts to the students’ personalised books.</p> <p>Non-personalised books</p> <p>Ensure students’ details (WASN, given and family names and dates of birth) are on the front cover and are accurate and clearly legible. Teachers should rewrite where necessary. Pack into the original box. Attach any typed scripts to student books.</p> <p>Writing prompt sheets and Reading magazines</p> <p>Pack all Writing prompt sheets and Reading magazines separately to the test books and return in the original box/es, with the test papers.</p> <p>Special Print</p> <p>Pack all used and unused special print tests (Braille, large print, black & white masters, electronic PDF and any stimulus material) into the original box.</p> <p>If the materials do not fit into the original box, please contact NAPLAN helpdesk on 9442 9442 for advice.</p> <p>Label the box</p> <p>Instructions for labelling and returning test materials were provided in a separate envelope, sent to schools in the box containing the test material.</p> <p>Please follow the instructions contained in the envelope when returning the material.</p> <p>Login to the WA NAPLAN Registration website at https://wanaplan.serviceportal.net.au/sc/</p> <p>Once test materials are packed and labelled for return, go to the website, click the label's consignment number and indicate they are ready for the courier to collect.</p>	<p>no later than Mon 18 Mar</p>

<p>Courier pick-up</p> <p>A courier from Team Global Express (TGE) will arrive during school hours to collect the materials. The principal should ensure a staff member has the materials ready for collection.</p> <p>The staff member should note the day and time the materials are collected, then inform the principal the courier has collected them.</p> <p>For assistance, contact:</p> <p>Fujifilm DMS help desk: 1300 990 265 or naplan.wa.qd@fujifilm.com</p> <p>NAPLAN helpdesk: 9442 9442 or naplan@scsa.wa.edu.au</p>	
<p>Returns of visiting or hosted students</p> <p>Return test material for visiting or hosted students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to the TAA of their home state or territory for interstate students - to the WA TAA (SCSA) for WA students. <p>See section 12 of Part A of this handbook for address details.</p>	

After the tests	Key dates
<p>Test security period</p> <p>Continue to securely store all test materials, including unused test books. All retained test materials must be kept secure up to and including Thursday, 28 March.</p>	<p>Thurs 28 March</p>
<p>After the test security period</p> <p>All test materials remain secure AFTER Thursday, 28 March, in accordance with sections 4.3.13 and 4.3.14 in Part A of this handbook.</p> <p>All test material must be returned to the processing centre, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - all test books, used and unused - all writing stimulus sheets - all reading magazines - all special print material and any stimulus material <p>Any other test material, such as working-out pages, must be securely destroyed.</p>	<p>Thurs 28 March</p>

Marking and reporting	Key dates
<p>Marking</p> <p>Marking of writing and short-response questions takes place in each state and territory by professional markers who are trained to mark the NAPLAN tasks.</p>	<p>from Tues 19 Mar to 20 April</p>
<p>Analysis</p> <p>Analysis of data and preparation of reports takes place.</p>	<p>April–June</p>
<p>Individual student reports arrive in schools</p> <p>Following NAPLAN testing and data analyses, hard copy individual student reports (ISRs) will be posted to schools. The materials are couriered to schools by Team Global Express (TGE) and will arrive during school hours.</p> <p>The box/es will be labelled 'IMPORTANT: FOR THE PRINCIPAL'.</p> <p>Advise staff who are to take receipt of the reporting package/s they must sign for them legibly and notify the principal and NAPLAN coordinator immediately.</p>	<p>TBC</p>

<p>The principal or NAPLAN coordinator must organise the secure storage of the test materials until they are distributed to parents.</p> <p>Schools receive the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - cover letter for the principal - hard-copy individual student reports (ISRs) for distribution to parents/carers - reporting information brochure for distribution to parents/carers - Administrator’s guide to reporting handbook <p>The Writing test performance profile will be available on the SCSA NAPLAN website at https://k10outline.scsa.wa.edu.au/home/assessment/testing/naplan/schools</p> <p>School data will be available electronically through your sector’s reporting system.</p>	
<p>Check results</p> <p>Schools check all ISRs and data.</p> <p>Schools distribute the ISRs to parents/carers within a week of receipt.</p>	<p>from receipt of reports</p>
<p>Request for review of student results or report</p> <p>To request a review of a student’s results, principals (or delegates with a cc to the principal) should email the request to naplan@scsa.wa.edu.au, clearly outlining the basis for the request, e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - check of results and re-marking - replacement report - missing report. 	<p>as reports are checked</p>
<p>Electronic copies of ISRs and writing scripts</p> <p>Electronic copies of ISRs and writing scripts will be available for all schools through the Fujifilm DMS portal at https://wanaplan.serviceportal.net.au/sc/</p> <p>The accounts of schools with students completing paper tests have been active since November 2023.</p> <p>If you are a new principal, you will receive an account activation email from noreply@fujifilm.com, after the testing and data analyses have taken place.</p> <p>You should look in your junk/spam folder if you are expecting this email. The link to activate an account is live for 48 hours only.</p> <p>You will be the account holder and your email address will be the username. You will create your own password. The website requires multi-factor authentication, which will occur via the account holder’s email.</p> <p>Once the principal is an account holder, an account for a NAPLAN coordinator can be arranged, if necessary.</p> <p>Further details will be provided in NAPLAN email updates.</p> <p>The principal should ensure that the writing scripts and ISRs are stored securely, by saving to a secure computer on the school network for backup.</p> <p>More information will be supplied in NAPLAN updates.</p> <p>For assistance in accessing your account, contact:</p> <p>Fujifilm DMS help desk: 1300 990 265 or naplan.wa.qd@fujifilm.com</p> <p>NAPLAN helpdesk: 9442 9442 or naplan@scsa.wa.edu.au</p>	<p>Before Wed 30 Aug</p>
<p>Release of 2024 NAPLAN National report</p>	<p>TBC</p>

