

NAPLAN online – platform readiness test 2017 privacy notice

Notice of collection under Australian Privacy Principle 5 (Privacy Act 1988 Cth)

This notice is to advise you that personal information about your child and you (parents/guardians) will be collected as part of the platform readiness tests. These tests provide information on the functionality of the online platform that will be used for the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (**NAPLAN**) online tests, commencing in 2018. The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (**ACARA**) conducts the NAPLAN tests and creates national reports on schooling, including reporting on the *My School* website.

Each state and territory education authority is responsible for administering the platform readiness tests. The test data from these tests will be analysed and internal reports produced on platform functionality.

Section 40 of the *Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority Act 2008 (Cth)* authorises ACARA to collect personal information for purposes including producing national reports on school performance and supporting education policy development. The platform readiness tests are an integral part of producing national reports on school performance. ACARA protects the data it collects in accordance with the standards in the *Privacy Act 1988 (Cth)* and only collects data that is anonymised (that is not linked to student names). You can find a summary of data fields that ACARA collects below.

NAPLAN online 2018 and platform readiness test

From 2018, NAPLAN will transition to online testing. Tests will be both paper-based and online in the transition years. More information about the move to NAPLAN online is available on the National Assessment Program website (www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment).

Education Services Australia Limited (**ESA**) will operate the NAPLAN online platform. ESA is a national, not-for-profit company owned by all Australian education ministers (www.esa.edu.au/).

The platform readiness tests are end-to-end tests scheduled in October--November 2017, which check that the multiple systems within the platform are integrated and that the platform functions as expected.

Collection

A state and territory education authority will collect personal information about your child and you when your child completes the platform readiness tests. The state and territory education authority will make anonymised information available to ACARA through the platform. ACARA will also collect anonymised test result information from students and their school.

Also, some state and territory education authorities will have staff undertaking the platform readiness tests as well. The state and territory education authority will make anonymised information available to ACARA through the platform. It is not possible for ACARA to identify data belonging to real students and data entered by staff at an education authority.

ACARA will collect the following data categories for each student through the platform: student identifier, gender, date of birth, year level, language background, whether the student identifies as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, parental occupation, parental education, the relevant state or territory Test Administration Authority, information about school and school system (school identification number, geolocation data and sector) and the responses to test questions that the student inputs into the platform (e.g. multiple choice and written responses). State and territory education authorities also collect student names and other information to test platform functionality.

ACARA may also receive from the school authorities, outside of the platform, information about personal needs and preferences and test performance data from students that require alternative items and tests provisions to participate in the NAPLAN testing. ACARA will use these data and

information to ensure that alternative assessment arrangements meet the needs of these students and provide equitable access to NAPLAN online tests.

Disclosure

ACARA will not disclose personal information about your child and you unless it is authorised by law and will not disclose personal information overseas. More detailed information is contained in ACARA's [privacy policy \(www.acara.edu.au/contact-us/privacy\)](http://www.acara.edu.au/contact-us/privacy).

Access and correction

ACARA is not able to match information it receives or collects with individual student names. If you wish to access or correct your child's personal information or platform readiness test data, contact your child's school in the first instance. Alternatively, you may contact the relevant state or territory Test Administration Authority (www.nap.edu.au/contacts/privacy-contact-information).

Complaints

If you wish to make a complaint about ACARA's privacy practices, you can lodge a complaint with ACARA directly. ACARA's [privacy policy](http://www.acara.edu.au/contact-us/privacy) provides information on how to make a complaint and how ACARA deals with complaints.

If you have a complaint about identified platform readiness test data (data linked to student names), contact your child's school in the first instance. Alternatively, you may contact the relevant state or territory Test Administration Authority (www.nap.edu.au/contacts/privacy-contact-information).