

NAPLAN 2020 equating study (paper-based) 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 will be collected for the NAPLAN 2020 equating study (paper-based).

The purpose of the equating study is to enable the results for the NAPLAN 2020 tests (paper and online) to be reported on the same common NAPLAN measurement scales. Your child's results from the equating study will be linked to their 2020 NAPLAN results to ensure NAPLAN results can be reported comparably. The equating study is not about testing your child. Your child's results are **not** reported.

ACARA protects the data it collects in accordance with the standards in the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth). For further information, see [ACARA's privacy policy \(acara.edu.au/contact-us/privacy\)](https://www.acara.edu.au/contact-us/privacy).

Collection

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 and assisting government to formulate education policies.

ACARA collects initial class lists from each state or territory test administration authority. Our contractor (an organisation) provides the relevant class list to each school, and the school may advise of changes. Confirmed class lists are collected by ACARA (through its contractor).

Selected students will complete one (1) test in either reading, language conventions, numeracy or writing. ACARA (through its contractor) will collect the following categories of information for each student, regardless of the kind of test undertaken: region code, school name, student identifier, surname, first name, year level, gender, subject class name and date of birth, as well as participation and performance information (for example, multiple choice and written responses).

ACARA also collects test data from the state or territory test administration authorities for each student who sat an equating test. This includes the linked results from both the equating tests and the 2020 NAPLAN tests.

Disclosure

ACARA only discloses student personal information where consistent with our legal obligations, which includes obligations in any agreement that regulates the ways in which personal information can be used and disclosed by ACARA or its contractors.

ACARA discloses each jurisdiction's data to the relevant test administration authority to

enable each authority to link each student's equating test data with their 2020 NAPLAN results.

In circumstances where ACARA has serious and reasonable concerns for the health, safety or wellbeing of your child, based on their responses to the writing test, ACARA may provide a copy of your child's writing test to the relevant state or territory test administration authority so that the response can be brought to the attention of your child's school in the interests of ensuring your child's welfare.

ACARA does not disclose personal information overseas.

Access and correction

After ACARA collects the linked results from the test administration authorities, ACARA removes student names from this data set. Similarly, at the end of the equating process, ACARA instructs its contractor to delete the class lists. Once these processes have been completed, ACARA is **not** able to match information it holds with individual students.

If you wish to access or correct your child's personal information regarding these tests, contact your child's school in the first instance. Alternatively, you may contact the relevant state or territory [test administration authority](http://nap.edu.au/contacts/test-administration-authorities-contacts) (nap.edu.au/contacts/test-administration-authorities-contacts).

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://acara.edu.au/contact-us/privacy) (acara.edu.au/contact-us/privacy) provides information on how to make a complaint and how ACARA deals with complaints.