NAP Opt-in assessments

Information for schools

From 2024, Australian schools can enrol Year 6 and Year 10 students to participate in NAP Opt-in assessments in key curriculum areas.

These new assessments are part of the National Assessment Program and completely optional for schools. These assessments are being phased in over 3 years, and they started with science literacy in 2024. Civics and citizenship has been added in 2025, and ICT (information and communication technology) literacy will be added in 2026.

From 2026, NAP Opt-in assessments in all 3 domains will be available each year.

In May 2024, the first optional assessment in Science Literacy was completed successfully. The feedback collected from participating schools was positive and informative, and this has helped to inform further improvement for the second rollout of the NAP Opt-in assessments in 2025.

In 2025, the two domains that are available for schools to participate in are:
- science literacy
- civics and citizenship.

The value to schools

Schools taking part in the NAP Opt-in assessments will be able to:

1. Measure student performance against national standards in key curriculum areas beyond literacy and numeracy.
2. Use the results (which are available only to the participating school) to review, plan and adapt teaching and learning programs, and share with the school community, if they wish.
3. Run the assessments using a self-service platform at a time that suits them in the testing window.

Registering for NAP Opt-in assessment 2025

Registration opens on 25 March 2025 and closes on 29 April 2025. There is no fee for schools registering to take part in this assessment.

Registration will be open to all schools across Australia for Year 6 and Year 10 students. Principals can register their school at www.assessform.edu.au by clicking on the 'NAP Opt-in' tile on the home page. Each school should only register once, via the principal (preferably using the same email address that was used for NAPLAN 2025 if applicable).

The principal can invite more than one NAP coordinator after registration.

Principals can select multiple schools in the registration process if they are overseeing multiple schools. After registration, a separate email invitation is sent for each school they manage. Each invite has a unique username assigned to each school.

A principal registration quick guide is available on the NAP website.

ACARA will verify the school's registration details and send confirmation to the email address provided. School principals can register their school at www.assessform.edu.au. ACARA will verify the school's registration details and send confirmation to the email address provided.

Preparing for NAP Opt-in assessment 2025

Schools self-administer the NAP Opt-in assessment via the platform www.assessform.edu.au. This is the same platform schools use for their NAPLAN assessments.

Principals use the platform to nominate their school technical support officer, NAP coordinator and test administrator.

Ahead of the testing window, participating schools will be able to:
- access the training manual and guides on the NAP website,
- carry out technical preparation including device checks,
- select their preferred assessment dates,
- enrol students.

Schools do not have to enrol all students in Years 6 and 10. Schools can enrol both years, or one year, or individual classes within either year. When schools enrol full-year cohorts, they may benefit from more data for school-wide planning.

All the students are enrolled in both the domains, science literacy and civics and citizenship, by default. Schools can choose to participate in both the domains, or only one domain.

The assessment for each domain can be done simultaneously or at a different time, depending on the school setting and school preference.

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Receiving results

ACARA will:

- mark the assessments and analyse the assessment data
- provide principals with school-level reports which can be accessed from the platform

**** Note: ACARA will not make any NAP Opt-in assessment results public – only a participating school can see its results. Schools can use the information to review, plan and adapt teaching and learning programs.

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❓ What are the NAP Opt-in assessments and why are they available?

The NAP Opt-in assessments are an important improvement to the National Assessment Program, as agreed to by all education ministers.

These optional assessments will be in the same domains tested through the NAP Sample assessments for Year 6 and Year 10 students – science literacy, civics and citizenship, and ICT literacy – and will be available to any school that chooses to participate.

For schools that take up the opportunity, NAP Opt-in assessments will provide information on their Year 6 and Year 10 students' performance in relation to national standards in these domains. Results can be used to assist with school-level planning and inform teaching and learning programs, and will not be publicly available.

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How does the NAP Opt-in assessment program differ to NAP Sample?

Schools are selected to take part in the NAP Sample program and their participation is mandatory.

NAP Opt-in assessments are completely optional, and it is entirely up to schools to decide if they want to participate. This optional assessment makes use of the resources from NAP Sample, and schools will be familiar with the platform and processes used as they are similar to NAPLAN.

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How do schools register to take part in the NAP Opt-in assessment in 2025?

The NAP Opt-in assessments are run by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) directly with schools.

Schools that want to participate can register via the NAP Opt-in assessment tile on www.assessform.edu.au from 25 March 2025. Registration will be open to all schools across Australia for Year 6 and Year 10 students.

A principal registration quick guide is available on the NAP website.

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Will schools be able to choose a single assessment, or will they have to do all 3 – science literacy, civics and citizenship, and ICT literacy?

Schools can choose any or all the available domains in the NAP Opt-in assessments, once they have all been phased in. The NAP Opt-in assessments will be phased in over 3 years, starting with science literacy in 2024. Civics and citizenship has been added for 2025, and ICT literacy will be added in 2026. From 2026, NAP Opt-in assessments in all 3 domains will be available each year.

Schools can choose to participate in as many or as few of the assessments as they like and for as many years as they wish to. For example, a school may choose to undertake only the NAP Opt-in assessment in ICT literacy in Year 6 every 2 years for a 6-year period, while another school may do the NAP Opt-in assessment in science literacy in Year 10 for 5 years in a row.

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Do entire classes have to be signed up?

Schools do not have to enrol all students in the relevant year group (Year 6 and Year 10). However, there are benefits in doing so as full cohorts will provide more data to inform school-wide planning.

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What will be the process for schools to enrol students?

Once school principals have completed registration, they will have access to the NAP Opt-in area on the www.assessform.edu.au website to complete the enrolment. Principals and NAP Coordinators can enrol the students individually or via a bulk upload feature in the platform. The enrolment template will be made available in the platform for school users.

Schools that undertake NAP Opt-in assessments are not expected to enrol all students in the relevant year group (Year 6 and Year 10) for the assessment. However, there are benefits in doing so as full cohorts will provide more data to inform school-wide planning.

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How do schools manage and administer the assessment?

After the successful enrolment of students, schools self-administer the assessment, following the NAP sample assessment procedures.

Schools will already be familiar with the platform and processes used as they are similar to NAPLAN.

Schools will be provided with online support and training materials, and access to a national helpdesk staffed by ACARA contractors to support them as they undertake test readiness and administration.

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❓ Have these assessments been used before?

2024 was the first year of these optional assessments, and ACARA has worked with schools to seek feedback on this initiative to improve future opt-in assessments.

Schools will already be familiar with the platform and processes used as they are similar to NAPLAN.

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❓ How do schools get ready for the assessment?

Schools will be provided with online support and training materials, and access to a national helpdesk staffed by ACARA contractors.

When the school's registration is complete and details have been verified, the principal will receive an email invitation to set up an account in the assessment platform. The email will include a link to resources and NAP Opt-in Helpdesk contact details.

Email: NAPopt-in@acer.org
Phone: 1800 574 000

Schools will already be familiar with the platform and processes used as they are similar to NAPLAN.

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❓ What is the structure of NAP Opt-in assessment 2025 and how long does it take?

NAP Opt-in 2025 will offer 2 domains for schools to participate: Science Literacy and Civics and Citizenship. The NAP Opt-in assessment in each domain consists of:

- a set of untimed introductory practice questions. This will help to familiarise students with the format of the test questions and show them how to navigate the test platform.

- a set of timed test questions. For Year 6 students the test is 60 minutes in duration and for Year 10 students it is 75 minutes.

Assessment elements	Year 6	Year 10
Practice questions	10 mins (approx.)	10 mins (approx.)
Assessment Items	60 mins (max.)	75 mins (max.)

We recommend that schools allow approximately **2 hours** for each test (this includes the entire assessment set up and test duration).

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❓ What results and reports will be available?

There are 3 reports provided to participating schools only:

1. **Items report:**
   - Items categorised based on the strand of curriculum for each year level. This will help the school to gauge their students' performance in different strands.

   - Relative Item performance in schools compared to national performance for each year level, which will provide better visibility for schools of their relative performance in different content areas of the curriculum.

2. **Student performance report:**
   - Students grouped by different variables including class group and gender for each year level. This will provide better understanding of the performance of students and class groups.

   - Students' performance in scale against the proficiency level and other national statistics from NAP sample assessment for each year level.

3. **School summary report:**
   - Overall performance of students in the school compared to different national statistics obtained from NAP sample assessment for each year level.

Results will not be published or reported in any other way.

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❓ What information will parents and carers be provided with if their child takes part?

Participating schools will be provided with reports looking at school and student performance, which can be used to inform teaching and learning.

While these reports are for the school's use only, we would encourage schools to consider how this information is shared with their school community, including parents/carers – for example through parent–teacher meetings.

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