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Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority

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Senior secondary

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Year 10 and 11 numeracy and literacy online assessment trial

Purpose

To invite schools to express interest in trialling online numeracy and literacy tests with Year 10 and 11 students in Term 3, 2025.

Background

Online assessment has become a growing feature of primary and secondary schooling in Australia. Education systems in other states and overseas are trialling and implementing online assessment in a variety of contexts.

This year the QCAA will continue to invest in delivering quality assessment by offering up to 30 schools the opportunity to trial online numeracy and literacy tests with their Year 10 or 11 students. Schools involved will be helping us to explore suitable online platforms and test designs and providing valuable feedback to inform the future of online assessment in Queensland.

Information

Expressions of interest are now open for schools wishing to trial numeracy and literacy online tests with students in Year 10 or 11 in Week 6 of Term 3, 2025. Schools will administer either the literacy or numeracy test, or both.

The tests will be delivered via individual student accounts in the Student Portal and comprise:

Numeracy

- Numeracy test (approximately 50 questions, 60 minutes)

Literacy

- Reading test (approximately 50 questions, 60 minutes)
- Writing test (approximately 500 words, 60 minutes).

Advice about suitable devices, browsers, connectivity and other technical requirements can be viewed at <https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/about/initiatives-reviews/year10-11-numeracy-literacy-online-assessment-trial>.

Schools can also find out more by registering for one of our 30-minute information webinars being held on Tuesday 6 May, Monday 12 May and Wednesday 14 May:
<https://events.qcaa.qld.edu.au/Event.aspx?e=2628&r=310>.

The trial aims to gather information about the suitability of:

- test construction, including duration, item difficulty and pass rates
- training and communication
- platform interfaces
- integration with apps in the QCAA Portal
- marking models
- reporting
- feedback.

Writing test marking will occur in September 2025. Reporting will follow in Term 4. Student results will not contribute credit towards the Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE).

Opportunities to take part in further and expanded trials will be announced as our online assessment project progresses. We envisage the benefits of online testing will include:

- aligning assessment to the way students work
- greater interactivity
- greater accessibility
- increased efficiencies at the QCAA that will flow through to teachers and students.

What you need to do

Complete the expression of interest form by close of business on **Friday 23 May 2025**
<https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/about/initiatives-reviews/year10-11-numeracy-literacy-online-assessment-trial/eoi-application-form>.

Finding out more

For more information, please email online.assessment@qcaa.qld.edu.au.

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