

Memo

Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority

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Prep–Year 10

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Applications open for NAPLAN markers

Purpose

This memo serves to:

- notify teachers, schools and other eligible applicants that the QCAA is seeking applications to mark the NAPLAN writing tests in 2026.
- encourage experienced NAPLAN markers who have not been contacted directly to apply, as QCAA professional leader, group leader and marker roles are annual appointments.

Background

The QCAA employs and trains practising or registered non-practising Queensland teachers, including supply and retired teachers, to mark student responses for the NAPLAN writing tests using an online marking platform.

QCAA professional leader, group leader and marker roles are appointed annually and not in perpetuity.

Information

The QCAA is seeking applications for these NAPLAN marking roles:

- markers
- group leaders
- professional leaders.

For NAPLAN 2026, selected experienced NAPLAN markers have been invited to confirm their availability for the marking operation.

New markers, and experienced markers who have not received a separate invitation, are encouraged to apply through the vacancy.

For more information, refer to the NAPLAN markers webpage: <https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/p-10/naplan/marker-information>.

Benefits of becoming a NAPLAN marker

NAPLAN **markers** gain:

- insight into how Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students from across Queensland respond to an ‘on demand’ writing task

- experience using a standardised rubric to make judgments about student responses
- experience in the NAPLAN writing marking operation and quality assurance processes
- continuing professional development points for Queensland College of Teachers registration renewal
- opportunities to share expertise with their school/colleagues
- extra income working flexible hours from home.

NAPLAN **professional leader** or **group leader** benefits include:

- a higher hourly rate of pay
- flexible hours working from home
- marker monitoring and quality assurance training
- experience in operational management, mentoring, leadership and training of markers/group leaders
- opportunities to collaborate, provide feedback and contribute ideas with other group leaders, professional leaders and managers of marking.

Important dates

- Applications are **now open**.
- Applications **close** on **28 November 2025**.
- Offers will be sent out progressively until February 2026.
- The marking operation commences on Saturday 21 March 2026, and continues until all student responses have been marked.

What you need to do

- Encourage practising and registered non-practising Queensland teachers to apply.
- Remind experienced NAPLAN markers to apply, if they have not been contacted directly.
- See the NAPLAN markers webpage (<https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/p-10/naplan/marker-information>) for detailed information about eligibility requirements, selection, remuneration and the application process.

Finding out more

Please contact the NAPLAN Helpdesk at naplan@qcaa.qld.edu.au, or phone 1300 214 452.

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