

Memo

Year 10 and 11 numeracy and literacy online assessment trial

Purpose

To invite schools to express interest in trialling online numeracy and literacy assessments with Year 10 and/or 11 students in Term 3, 2026.

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.

In 2025, the QCAA developed an online assessment platform and implemented an initial numeracy and literacy online assessment trial with a small number of schools that expressed interest to participate.

This year, a second trial will take place with a larger cohort of Year 10 and 11 students. Participating schools will support the identification of suitable online platform features and test designs and provide 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 assessments with students in Year 10 and/or 11 in Weeks 3–4 of Term 3, 2026. Schools can choose to administer either the Numeracy or Literacy assessment, or both.

The assessments will be delivered via individual student accounts in the Student Portal.

	Numeracy	Literacy — Reading	Literacy — Writing
Assessment duration	60 minutes	60 minutes	60 minutes
Assessment items	50 questions	50 questions	1 writing prompt
Response type	Multiple choice	Multiple choice	Extended response (approx. 500 words)

School reports will be provided; however, student results will not contribute credit towards the Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE).

Advice about suitable devices, browsers, connectivity and other technical requirements can be viewed on the [Year 10 and 11 numeracy and literacy online assessment trial](#) webpage.

Schools can find out more by registering to attend the 30-minute [online webinar: Year 10 and 11 numeracy and literacy online assessment trial information session and Q&A](#) on 17 March, 19 March, 23 March or 25 March 2026.

Note: A marking operation for the online writing assessment will be held. Eligible teachers will have the opportunity to apply for a marking role in June 2026.

What you need to do

To apply for your school to participate in the 2026 online assessment trial, complete the [expression of interest form](#) by close of business on **Thursday 2 April 2026**.

Opportunities to take part in further and expanded trials will be announced as our online assessment project progresses.

Finding out more

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

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