

Memo

Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority

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Prep – Year 10

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NAPLAN 2027 — access arrangements and reasonable adjustments (AARA) for students with disability

Purpose

To inform schools of key dates for NAPLAN AARA applications for 2027 NAPLAN testing, including due dates for alternative format applications in Term 4, 2026.

Background

In 2027, NAPLAN will be held from **Wednesday 10 March to Monday 22 March**.

All eligible students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are expected to participate in the NAPLAN tests.

Under the Disability Standards for Education 2005 (Cth), schools consult with students and/or parents/carers about AARA and implement approved AARA to enable students with disability to access and participate in the tests on the same basis as students without disability.

Information

Section 6 of the [National protocols for test administration](#) contains important information about adjustments for students with disability and disability adjustments codes (DACs).

Further resources to support schools to make decisions about NAPLAN AARA are available on the [National Assessment Program \(NAP\) website](#), including disability adjustment scenarios, videos and guidelines.

NAPLAN demonstration tests are available on the [NAP Public demonstration site](#) and in the [NAPLAN training and practice environment](#).

The *Record of adjustment for disability (school use only) form* may be used to document consultation that has taken place about QCAA-approved and school-approved AARA for NAPLAN tests. A copy is **not** submitted to the QCAA. The form is available in the [QCAA Portal](#), in the NAPLAN administration app (**Forms & resources** tab) and the NAPLAN AARA app (**Home** tab).

QCAA-approved NAPLAN AARA

NAPLAN AARA requiring QCAA approval are shown in the following table. Schools must submit applications via the NAPLAN AARA app in the [QCAA Portal](#) by due dates shown.

QCAA-approved NAPLAN AARA	Application due
Alternative format — braille	Term 4, 2026* 14 October
- Alternative format — large print - Alternative format — black and white - Alternative format — electronic PDF	Term 4, 2026* 6 November
- Assistive technology that requires an unsecured browser - Colour contrast modification that requires an unsecured browser - Computer or iPad (Year 3 writing test only) - Extra time — double the total test time - Scribe (writing test only)	Term 1, 2027 12 February

*Applications for alternative formats may be submitted from Term 3, 2026; early submissions are encouraged. Schools should submit applications for Year 7 students and other new enrolments as soon as possible after confirmation of enrolment in Term 1, 2027.

Applications for alternative formats should only be submitted for students who are unable to access the tests using adjustments in the platform. Students with disability should be encouraged to use platform adjustments wherever possible to gain access to the online NAPLAN tests, e.g. the zoom function to enlarge the online tests, visual alternative items and/or colour themes. Students must be given the opportunity to practise using platform adjustments in the [NAPLAN public demonstration site](#).

School-approved NAPLAN AARA

Other adjustments are approved at the school level by the principal or principal's delegate. School-approved AARA are **not** recorded in the NAPLAN AARA app. However, the relevant DAC must be assigned in the [Online National Assessment Platform](#) prior to the start of applicable test sessions.

School-approved NAPLAN AARA	May be approved
- Extra time - Rest breaks - Oral/signed support - NAPLAN support person - Assistive technology that does not require an unsecured browser, e.g. ergonomic mouse - Alternative items (audio and/or visual) - Colour themes	Term 1, 2027 Up to the start of a test session

What you need to do

In Terms 3–4, 2026:

- refer to Section 6 of the NAPLAN [National protocols for test administration](#)
- begin consultation with students and parents/carers about NAPLAN AARA. The *Record of adjustment for disability (school use only)* form may be used to assist in this process

- submit applications for alternative formats to the QCAA via the NAPLAN AARA app by due dates, if required.

In Term 1, 2027:

- submit applications for other QCAA-approved NAPLAN AARA, if required
- finalise school-approved NAPLAN AARA
- ensure that DACs are entered correctly in the [assessment platform](#) prior to NAPLAN test sessions.

Finding out more

For further information and support regarding NAPLAN AARA and to register for NAPLAN webinars, see the QCAA website or contact the AARA Unit at:

- web — www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/p-10/naplan/disability-adjustments
- email — aara@qcaa.qld.edu.au
- phone — 1300 381 575.

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