

Memo

Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority

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2027 NAPLAN marking opportunities

Purpose

To notify schools, teachers and other eligible applicants that the QCAA is recruiting markers for the 2027 NAPLAN writing tests.

To encourage new and experienced NAPLAN markers to apply for 2027 QCAA marker, group leader and professional leader roles.

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 test.

All marker roles are appointed annually and do not carry over from one year to the next.

Information

Applications to become a QCAA marker, group leader or professional leader for the 2027 NAPLAN writing test marking operation are submitted differently depending on applicant type:

- **2026 markers, group leaders or professional leaders**

If you were appointed in the 2026 QCAA NAPLAN marking operation, you will automatically be invited to confirm your availability for 2027 by **Friday 16 October**. (Note: The invitation streamlines the application process but does not guarantee an appointment to a role.)

- **New markers or experienced markers who last marked in 2025 or earlier**

If you were not appointed in the 2026 NAPLAN marking operation, you can apply through the general vacancy in the [QCAA Portal](#) Assessor Jobs app by **Friday 20 November**.

For more information, refer to the NAPLAN markers webpage: www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/p10/naplan/marking-naplan.

Benefits of marking NAPLAN

Being a NAPLAN marker helps you:

- see how students across Queensland respond to an on-demand writing task
- use a standardised rubric to make judgments about student responses
- understand the NAPLAN marking and quality assurance processes
- gain continuing professional development (CPD) hours for Queensland College of Teachers registration.

Group leaders and professional leaders perform a vital role in the NAPLAN marking operation, ensuring all Queensland students receive fair and reliable results.

Benefits of becoming a group leader or professional leader include:

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

What you need to do

- Encourage practising and registered non-practising Queensland teachers to apply.
- Remind 2026 NAPLAN markers, group leaders and professional leaders to apply by responding to their event invitation by **Friday 16 October**.
- Encourage new markers and markers with experience from 2025 or earlier to apply through the general vacancy by **Friday 20 November**.

Finding out more

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

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