

Memo

Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority

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Prep – Year 10

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Marking the 2018 NAPLAN writing tests

Purpose

To invite teachers to mark student responses to the National Assessment Program — Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) writing tests in 2018.

Background

Each year, the QCAA recruits new markers to add to the existing marker pool. New applicants (and previous applicants who did not mark in 2016 and 2017) must attend a recruitment session in February or March 2018. Applicants should be aware that not all applicants will be offered a marking position.

Training and marking commence following the tests in May and continue for approximately four weeks in Brisbane. Day and evening marking sessions are available.

The primary objective of the marking operation is to mark student responses reliably according to the national rubric. Markers gain valuable professional experience and are paid for their marking.

Information

New applicants must satisfy the following criteria to make an application:

- hold a teacher registration number (or have previously held a teacher registration number, i.e. retired teachers) that is not suspended or deregistered
- show a demonstrated understanding of assessment based on criteria and standards
- have the ability to apply a prescriptive marking model
- show demonstrated ability to follow instructions correctly
- acquire satisfactory achievement in the marking of student scripts at a recruitment session.

Marker selection is based on satisfactory achievement in the marking of student scripts at a recruitment session and the need to maintain a balance of new and experienced markers.

Markers work as casual employees and are paid for training as well as marking.

Recruitment, training and marking contributes to continuing professional development points for registration renewal.

Benefit to schools

Teachers who mark gain a better understanding of the tests' criteria and standards, the marking operation and the quality assurance processes that are in place. This knowledge assists them in preparing students for the test.

Recruitment sessions

Recruitment sessions will be conducted at the QCAA offices in South Brisbane and in some external venues within the Brisbane metropolitan area during February and March 2018.

A series of regional recruitment sessions were also conducted in August and September 2017.

These regional sessions provided opportunities for regional markers to qualify as markers for 2018, as well as current teachers to qualify as markers under the school-released marker program. This joint program, involving the QCAA and schools, offers a limited number of marking places for selected teachers.

How to apply

Apply via QCAA Marker Applications Online (MAO): www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/MAO/login.jsp.

Applicants who:

- can attend a Brisbane metropolitan recruitment session should apply via MAO and select their preferred recruitment session
- live outside the Brisbane metropolitan area and are able to travel to Brisbane to attend a recruitment session should apply via MAO and select their preferred session
- have already attended one of the regional recruitment sessions will have already applied via MAO.

What you need to do

Please encourage your teaching staff to apply to become a NAPLAN marker by discussing this opportunity at staff meetings and by giving them a copy of this memo. Posters will be sent separately and it would be appreciated if you would display them in your staffrooms.

Finding out more

For more information:

- check the QCAA NAPLAN marker information page www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/p-10/naplan/marker-information
- contact the Senior Operations Officer at naplanmarkerinfo@qcaa.qld.edu.au, or phone (07) 3864 0210.

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