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Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority

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## Call for expressions of interest: Abilities Based Learning and Education Support (ABLES) trial

### Purpose

- To inform schools about the Abilities Based Learning and Education Support (ABLES) trial for students with disability from **January 2019 to December 2019**.
- To seek expressions of interest from schools wishing to participate in a trial of ABLES.

### Background

ABLES is a curriculum assessment and reporting tool aligned with the Australian Curriculum that provides:

- a consistent approach to curriculum decision-making and implementation
- a consistent strategy for gathering evidence of learning
- a tool for assessing those students whose progress and achievements may be difficult to track.

The ABLES three assessment tools focus on the learning area of English (speaking, listening, reading and writing) and one general capability of Personal and Social Capability.

The assessments have been designed to describe skills and abilities that teachers can observe in everyday school and classroom contexts and interactions with students.

The information obtained from the assessment tools provides teachers with advice to:

- identify the most appropriate curriculum for the student
- plan targeted individual learning goals aligned to the appropriate curriculum
- use a variety of strategies for teaching and learning for students with disabilities including those with significant intellectual disability.

In 2019 the QCAA will run a trial of ABLES for students with disability in 20 Queensland schools.

### Information

Participation in the ABLES trial is encouraged from all three sectors of schooling (State, Catholic and Independent schools) across a diverse range of settings.

To be eligible, a teacher and curriculum leader from schools accepted into the trial must be able to attend face-to-face professional development in Brisbane on **Friday 15 February 2019**.

Schools participating in the ABLES trial are expected to provide feedback as required.

For further information about ABLES please visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/learningneeds/Pages/ables.aspx>

## Costs

Costs for schools are:

- \$270.00 (excluding GST) per school for access to ABLES and support services
- travel costs to participate in the professional development on **Friday 15 February 2019**.

## What you need to do

Schools wishing to nominate for the ABLES trial are required to complete the [Expression of interest](#) by close of business **Wednesday 21 November 2018**.

The QCAA will select schools considering:

- school context
- school sector
- geographic location.

## Finding out more

Please email Theo Clark, A/Assistant Director, K-12 Resources at [Theo.Clark@qcaa.qld.edu.au](mailto:Theo.Clark@qcaa.qld.edu.au) or phone (07) 3864 0335.

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