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Spotlighting a key topic, for your school community

When are Queensland schools moving to NAPLAN Online?

All Australian states are planning their transition to NAPLAN Online by 2019.

Our department's NAPLAN Online team is working with schools and regions on a NAPLAN Online readiness plan featuring resources, stakeholder engagement and curriculum activities aimed at supporting digital capability and helping schools transition successfully to NAPLAN Online.

Queensland's timeline

2016: 112 pilot schools from all Queensland sectors participated in familiarisation activities and training. These schools trialled the online platform, accessed resources and learning opportunities for different year levels, skills and roles.

2017: Schools are invited to submit an expression of interest to opt-in for 2018. Schools will be provided with training, support and a platform trial opportunity. A readiness program of resources is available for all schools to begin their transition.

2018: Opt-in schools undertake NAPLAN Online in May.

2019: Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students will be taking NAPLAN Online unless their circumstances prevent them from doing so. Other options will be available for students or schools unable to access the online platform.

Quick links

[ACARA's NAPLAN Online website](http://nap.edu.au/online-assessment)

<http://nap.edu.au/online-assessment>

[Public demonstration site](http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online/naplan-online-public-demonstration-site)

<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online/naplan-online-public-demonstration-site>

[Research and development](http://nap.edu.au/online-assessment/research-and-development)

<http://nap.edu.au/online-assessment/research-and-development>

[Technical requirements](http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online/technical-requirements)

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Why move NAPLAN online?

As an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9; NAPLAN provides governments, education leaders, principals, teachers and parents with information on how Australian students are performing in the essential areas of literacy and numeracy.

The move to online or computer-based assessment is a natural outcome of the increasing use of information and communication technologies in classrooms right across Australia to enhance student learning.

Online education assessment brings many opportunities for students and teachers that are often limited, or not possible, with paper-based tests.

NAPLAN Online will change NAPLAN for the better. It will allow for more diversity in assessment tasks, which enables a broader range of skills to be assessed.

Tests will be tailored to student ability and provide more precise results.

Special schools will continue to follow exemption protocols however there is an expectation that the new tailored testing will better support students with a disability.

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