



Changes to OLNA effective Term 4, 2022

Earlier this year, Education Ministers around Australia announced that from 2023, NAPLAN will be conducted in Term 1 rather than Term 2. In 2023, the NAPLAN test period will be from 15 March to 27 March.

Currently, Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (OLNA) testing occurs across four weeks in March and four weeks in September, each year. The March testing period is when those Year 10 students who did not prequalify through Year 9 NAPLAN, sit OLNA for the first time.

The School Curriculum and Standards Authority (the Authority) has reviewed the OLNA testing schedule, taking into account the need to reduce the testing impost on schools in March and the feedback from schools for a more flexible schedule.

Following consultation, a new, more flexible OLNA testing schedule is being implemented as outlined in the table below. The new testing schedule allows schools to offer the OLNA to students at different times throughout the year. These times are referred to as windows.

While there will be more OLNA windows available, students will continue to be provided with a total of six OLNA sits (if required) while enrolled in a secondary school setting. Students will have access to two sits per year level, (where the Year 9, Term 4 sit is in lieu of the Year 10, Term 1 sit) with a maximum of one sit per term. This strategy is in place to ensure that students have time to undertake focused instruction, based on the feedback provided to schools after each OLNA round, before they sit again.

This new schedule will facilitate:

- No overlap between NAPLAN and OLNA
- More test windows in each calendar year to give schools flexibility in when to test year cohorts or groups of students:
 - 5 test windows in each calendar year for Year 11 and Year 12 students
 - 5 (or 6) test windows for Year 10 students (including as Year 9 students in Term 4)
- An opportunity for Year 9 students who did not pre-qualify through Year 9 NAPLAN to demonstrate the standard before commencing Year 10.

Test period	Test window	Cohort	Comments
Start of the 2023 testing cycle			
Term 4, 2022 Weeks 3-4	2 weeks Reading and Numeracy, and 3 days for Writing	Year 9 only	Year 9 students who did not prequalify through Year 9 NAPLAN 2022 <i>This would be in lieu of their March Year 10 opportunity</i>
Term 1, 2023 Weeks 5-6	2 weeks Reading and Numeracy, and 2 days for Writing	Year 11 Year 12	Year 10 students sat as Year 9 students in the previous year, Term 4 Occurs prior to NAPLAN
Term 2, 2023 Weeks 2-3 AND Weeks 8-9	2 weeks Reading and Numeracy, and 2 days for Writing	Year 10 Year 11 Year 12	
Term 3, 2023 Weeks 2-3 AND Weeks 8-9	2 weeks Reading and Numeracy, and 2 days for Writing	Year 10 Year 11 Year 12	
Start of the 2024 testing cycle			
Term 4, 2023 Weeks 3-4	2 weeks Reading and Numeracy, and 2 days for Writing	Year 9 Year 10	Year 9 students who did not prequalify through NAPLAN 2023