



Literacy and Numeracy Test for Initial Teacher Education

Questions and Answers for Prospective/Unenrolled Students

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1. What is the test?

The Literacy and Numeracy Test for Initial Teacher Education Students (the test) ensures initial teacher education students can demonstrate that they have been assessed as being in the top 30 per cent of the adult population for personal literacy and numeracy.

The requirement that all initial teacher education students possess personal literacy and numeracy skills broadly equivalent to the top 30 per cent of the Australian adult population has been in place since 2011, when the Australian Government and State and Territory Government Education Ministers agreed to introduce the *Accreditation of Initial Teacher Education Programs in Australia: Standards and Procedures* (Standards and Procedures). The test is the mechanism used to demonstrate a student has achieved this existing personal literacy and numeracy standard required to enter the profession.

2. Do I count as a prospective student?

A prospective/unenrolled ITE student is defined as ‘a person who is not currently enrolled in an ITE course, and who has not previously exhausted the test attempt limit for enrolled students’. If you are enrolled in a pathway course, you are considered a prospective/unenrolled ITE student. You are only considered enrolled if you are in an accredited ITE course.

3. Do I have to pass the test to get into a teaching degree?

No.

The test is optional for prospective/unenrolled students. You don't have to sit the test or pass the test before starting your teaching degree. See Question 24 for more on whether the test can be a pre-entry requirement.

Please note that passing the test as a prospective/unenrolled student does not guarantee you entry into a teaching degree.

4. Do I have to pass the test to get a job as a teacher?

As agreed by all Education Ministers, from 1 July 2016 all initial teacher education (ITE) students in an Australian accredited ITE course are expected to pass the test prior to graduation. Some states and territories require a successful test result to register or be employed as a teacher. You should contact the teacher regulatory authority in the state or territory where you wish to teach to confirm their requirements. The Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership website

<https://www.aitsl.edu.au/find-your-local-regulatory-authority> provides links to the state and territory teacher regulatory authorities.

5. How many questions do I need to get right to pass the test?

As the questions in each test vary to ensure test security and integrity, the exact number of questions you must answer correctly to pass the test varies. Results for each test have been determined based on the standard required, irrespective of the version of the test administered. It is not possible to provide a percentage figure needed to pass. More information on test results is available on the ACER website <https://teacheredtest.acer.edu.au/results>.

6. What happens if I sit the test and don't pass?

You can sit the test again. Prospective/unenrolled students are able to sit the test as many times as they like.

Once you enrol in a teaching degree, a maximum test attempt limit will apply.

For example, if you are a prospective/unenrolled student who has unsuccessfully attempted the test twice and then you enrol in an ITE course, your test attempt count will start from zero when you enrol and you will then have three attempts to pass the test. See the 'Questions and Answers for Enrolled Students' document for more information.

7. If I pass the test as a prospective/unenrolled student, do I have to sit it again later?

No.

If you sit and pass the test prior to enrolment in a teaching degree, you will not need to sit the test again once enrolled.

Make sure you obtain a copy of your successful result from ACER, because your higher education provider may need to see evidence that you have passed.

Please also note that passing the test as a prospective/unenrolled student does not guarantee you entry into a teaching degree.

8. How do I register to sit the test?

You must register on the ACER registration site at <https://teacheredreg.acer.edu.au>. A link to the site is available via the test website at <https://teacheredtest.acer.edu.au/register>.

You can only register to sit the test during an advertised registration period. Late registrations will not be accepted under any circumstances.

The dates for registering and sitting for each test window are available at <https://teacheredtest.acer.edu.au/register/test-dates>.

9. How much does the test cost?

Currently, the fee for both test components (literacy test and numeracy test) is \$196.00. The fee for a single test component (literacy test or numeracy test) is \$98.00. The test fee is payable for each test component each time you register and attempt the test.

10. How long does the test take to complete?

There are two test components to complete (literacy and numeracy). Each test component takes approximately two hours to complete plus additional time for administration and housekeeping.

Please note that you are not required to sit both components of the test on the same day.

11. When can I sit the test?

You can only sit the test (either in a test centre or by remote proctoring) during a specified test window. Exceptions cannot be made under any circumstances. There are four test windows each year, with each window opening for about two weeks.

You must register to sit the test during an advertised registration period. The dates for registering and sitting for each test window are available at <https://teacheredtest.acer.edu.au/register/test-dates>.

12. Where can I sit the test?

You can sit the test at **test centres** in capital cities and in some regional centres. The available locations for each test window are published on the ACER website at <https://teacheredtest.acer.edu.au/register/test-centres> towards the end of the previous year.

You may also sit the test online by **remote proctoring**. Remote proctoring involves sitting the test under live supervision using your own computer in a suitable location with stable internet connectivity. Remote proctoring is available 24 hours per day during each test window, subject to the available test session appointment times listed on the remote proctoring booking site.

Before registering to sit the test by remote proctoring you must confirm that your computer and test location satisfy the remote proctoring requirements. Please review the instructions for technical readiness at <https://teacheredtest.acer.edu.au/register/remote-proctoring>.

Please note, remote proctoring for the test is currently provided by Meazure Learning (www.meazurelearning.com/). Meazure Learning is based in the United States and by selecting to sit the test by remote proctoring you will be required to provide personal information to an overseas entity. Please refer to the privacy statement at <https://teacheredtest.acer.edu.au/about/privacy-statement> for further information about how your personal information will be collected, stored and used by Meazure Learning.

13. How can I prepare for the test?

Full length practice tests, retired test questions, sample and practice questions are available on the ACER website at <https://teacheredtest.acer.edu.au/prepare/practice-material>. The questions are designed to give students the opportunity to practise the type of questions contained in the live test.

A Described Proficiency Scale is also available on the ACER website at <https://teacheredtest.acer.edu.au/results/described-proficiency-scales>.

It describes the skills assessed by the test and how candidates' achievement of the standard required by the test is determined. Example questions at different levels of achievement are included.

Accessible versions of the practice tests and worked solutions are available to candidates with a visual impairment on request to ACER.

While some students may use commercially produced practice tests, ACER and the Department of Education do not endorse the use or validity of these products.

14. I cannot attend my registered test session. Can I reschedule?

ACER can accommodate some changes to your test registration **before the close of the registration period**. It is possible to change the location, date and time of a test centre session booking (subject to availability) during the registration period by logging into your online candidate account and selecting a new session.

Once the registration period for the relevant test window has closed, it is not possible to make changes to your test centre booking.

Remote proctoring

Remote proctoring sessions can be rescheduled to take place any time (24 hours per day) during the published remote proctoring test window dates, subject to the list of available appointment times on the remote proctoring booking site. You are strongly advised to book your test session to occur early in the test window. This will ensure that there is enough time to reschedule your session should you experience any genuine misadventure or significant technical problems during your initial test session booking. Please review the remote proctoring registration and test sitting requirements at <https://teacheredtest.acer.edu.au/register/remote-proctoring> and <https://teacheredtest.acer.edu.au/sit/remote-proctoring>.

15. What happens if I miss my registered test session?

If you fail to attend your registered test session at a test centre, or your remote proctoring test session, you will forfeit the full cost of the test and you will need to register and pay for another test sitting in a future test window.

In addition, registration deferrals (for test centres and for remote proctoring) to a future test window **will not be accepted**.

If you do not attend the session you booked, your booking will not count towards your test attempts.

Please refer to the ACER website at <https://teacheredtest.acer.edu.au/register> and <https://teacheredtest.acer.edu.au/register/refund-policy> for further information.

16. I need to sit the test in the next window, but the registration period has closed. Can I register?

It is not possible to register to sit the test once the registration period closes for a test window. If you miss the cut-off for your chosen test window, you will need to wait until registrations open for the next test window.

The registration dates for the four test windows offered in the following year are typically released by November/December of the previous year and are available at <https://teacheredtest.acer.edu.au/register/test-dates>. It is the responsibility of students to be aware of the registration period for the applicable test window(s).

17. Who can help me if I am feeling anxious or stressed about sitting the test?

Remember that you don't have to sit the test as a prospective/unenrolled student if you don't want to. You can wait until you are enrolled in a teaching degree and then access extra support from your university.

If you are feeling stressed or anxious you should have a discussion with your support networks, such as family, friends and peers. You can always reach out to your local teacher registration authority (TRA) to understand the role of the test and registering as a teacher in your state <https://www.aitsl.edu.au/find-your-local-regulatory-authority>. The ACER website has preparation advice and materials to assist you <https://www.aitsl.edu.au/find-your-local-regulatory-authority>.

If you need extra support, community organisations such as Lifeline (phone 13 11 14, www.lifeline.org.au) or Beyond Blue (phone 1300 22 4636, www.beyondblue.org.au) are available to help you.

18. I have a health issue and/or disability, can I get modifications to help me sit the test?

The test provider offers reasonable adjustments for those with disability or other health-related needs that might interfere with their ability to sit the test in the standard manner.

If this applies to you, we strongly recommend that you discuss this with your health-care provider to see what kind of adjustments may be helpful. ACER provides a list of common reasonable adjustments that have been granted for the test so that you can see examples of what is possible to request.

You can apply for reasonable adjustments via your online candidate account and **must do so** by the stated deadline for the applicable test window after you have completed your test registrations. Supporting documentation from a registered health practitioner is required at the time of registration for all applications for reasonable adjustments. Applications are assessed on a case-by-case basis and all reasonable efforts will be made to provide you with appropriate testing conditions.

An accessible test form is also available for vision-impaired students.

Please note that it is not possible to give special consideration for impaired performance on the day of the test caused by illness, misadventure or an unexpected personal situation.

Please refer to the ACER website at <https://teacheredtest.acer.edu.au/register/reasonable-adjustments> and <https://teacheredtest.acer.edu.au/results/appeals> for further information.

19. Are assistant animals permitted at test centres?

Yes. For the purposes of the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* (Cth), an “Assistance Animal” is a dog or other animal:

- (a) accredited under a law of a State or Territory that provides for the accreditation of animals trained to assist a persons with a disability to alleviate the effect of the disability; or
- (b) accredited by an animal training organisation prescribed by the regulations for the purposes of this paragraph; or
- (c) trained:
 - i. to assist a person with a disability to alleviate the effect of the disability; and
 - ii. to meet standards of hygiene and behaviour that are appropriate for an animal in a public place.

Candidates with a medical condition that requires the support of an assistance animal must submit the relevant medical documentation and the animal’s registration details with their application for reasonable applications and adhere to the application deadline. For the health and well-being of all who attend the test centre, without a prior ACER-approved reasonable adjustment, ACER cannot guarantee a candidate accompanied by an assistance animal will be able to attend the test. Further information can be found at <https://teacheredtest.acer.edu.au/register/reasonable-adjustments>.

20. What are the consequences of misconduct in relation to the test?

Misconduct in relation to the test includes behaviours such as cheating, falsifying results, not following due process to access additional test attempts and inappropriate behaviour.

Consequences include cancelling the registration to sit the test without a refund and/or withholding test results, or disqualification from future sittings of the test. Any incident of misconduct will be managed on a case-by-case basis.

As stated on the ACER website, higher education providers will be notified of confirmed incidents of misconduct involving their students.

21. When do I get my results?

Results are released approximately one month after the close of the test window in which you sat the test. ACER will email you to advise when your results are available to download from your online candidate account. Further information about when results will be released is available at <https://teacheredtest.acer.edu.au/results>.

22. What information is provided to help me interpret my results?

For information in relation to interpretation of your test results, including your performance against sub domains which are provided on your statement of results, please see:

[https://teacheredtest.acer.edu.au/files/How to interpret the statement of results 2017. pdf](https://teacheredtest.acer.edu.au/files/How%20to%20interpret%20the%20statement%20of%20results%202017.pdf).

23. Can I receive my results early?

No, unfortunately it is not possible to expedite an individual student's result due to marking and verification processes that must be completed following the conclusion of each test window.

24. Will my test results expire?

No, LANTITE test results do not expire. You only need to demonstrate you have met the standard for each test component (literacy and numeracy) once. Copies of your results can be obtained through ACER.

25. I have met the standard for some parts of the test. Do I need to re-sit the whole test again?

The test has two components – a literacy component and a numeracy component.

Each component is a separate test, and you only have to pass each component once. For example, if you pass the literacy component but not the numeracy, then you only have to re-sit the numeracy component.

Each component of the test is made up of multiple sub-domains. You will need to re-sit the full test component if you have not reached the overall standard for that component. Results from individual sub-domain(s) are not transferrable between separate attempts of each test component.

26. What does the test measure?

There are two components to the test, a literacy component and a numeracy component. Both components are measuring your personal skills in literacy and numeracy. Questions in the literacy component of the test assess reading skills and the technical skills of writing (syntax, grammar, spelling, word usage and text organisation). Questions in the numeracy component of the test measure skills in number and algebra, measurement and geometry, and statistics and probability.

27. Why isn't the test a pre-entry requirement?

Higher education providers have the option of using the test as a pre-entry requirement for their initial teacher education programs. At this stage, none have elected to do so.

28. I've already passed other literacy and numeracy assessments. Do I also need to sit this test?

Yes. The LANTITE test is in addition to and different from any other literacy and numeracy assessments you may have done.

29. Can prospective/unenrolled international students sit the test?

Yes. Prospective/unenrolled international students can sit the LANTITE test before they enrol or once enrolled in an ITE course.