



Online National Assessment Platform

The Australian Government will invest \$18.2 million over four years from 2026-27 to support the maintenance and delivery of the NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) assessment online platform.

How will it work?

The online National Assessment Platform (ONAP) is jointly funded by the Australian and state and territory governments.

The Australian Government contributes approximately 50 per cent of hosting and maintenance costs for the online platform.

The Australian Government's funding commitment will help ensure the operational integrity of the online platform and the successful delivery of NAPLAN and other national assessments into the future.

Why is it important and who will benefit?

NAPLAN is important. It helps teachers and parents more clearly identify students where additional support might be needed to develop foundational literacy and numeracy skills.

NAPLAN is the annual Australian assessment for school students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9 and provides essential, nationally consistent data on student achievement.

It provides teachers and parents with clear information about how children are performing against national standards and helps identify students who would benefit from additional support to improve their literacy and numeracy skills.

In 2026, about 1.3 million students from more than 9,300 schools across Australia sat the 2026 NAPLAN assessments.

How much will it cost?

The Australian Government will invest \$18.2 million over the next four years from 2026-27 in hosting and maintaining the online National Assessment Platform.

From 2030-31, the Australian Government will provide \$5.0 million (indexed) on an ongoing basis.