



Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (OLNA) frequently asked questions (FAQs) for post-Year 12

Below is a list of frequently asked questions and responses relating to the Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (OLNA) for individuals who have left school and who intend to resit the OLNA.

What happens if I do not demonstrate the literacy and numeracy standard?

You may sit the OLNA after you leave Year 12 in any of the windows for post-Year 12 students. If you demonstrate the standard, and you have met all the other Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) requirements applicable for that year, you will achieve a WACE.

When can I sit the OLNA?

You may sit the OLNA during either of the two windows for post-Year 12 students. These are normally held in the last week of February (Window 1) and first week of September (Window 2). Further information can be found on the Authority website on the [OLNA page \(https://senior-secondary.scsa.wa.edu.au/assessment/olna\)](https://senior-secondary.scsa.wa.edu.au/assessment/olna).

Where do I sit the OLNA?

Metropolitan

You may sit the OLNA at one of the venues approved by the Authority throughout the metropolitan area. Approved venues are announced in January each year.

Country and international

You will need to either sit the OLNA at one of the metropolitan venues or find an approved supervisor. The process is the same for home-educated students. You may access the OLNA at a school or a site with a supervisor approved by the Authority, where supervision can be guaranteed. Contact the OLNA Helpdesk (olna@scsa.wa.edu.au) to make arrangements to attend a school, or to obtain an *Supervisor application form*.

How do I tell the Authority I want to sit the OLNA?

Applications to sit during Window 1 of the OLNA for post-Year 12 students will open in January and applications to sit during Window 2 will open in July.

The Authority has an online application process accessible via the Authority website on the [WACE after Year 12 page \(https://senior-secondary.scsa.wa.edu.au/certification/wace-after-year-12\)](https://senior-secondary.scsa.wa.edu.au/certification/wace-after-year-12).

When your application is received, you will be sent an email outlining the dates, times and venues available for you to sit the OLNA.

Does it cost anything to resit the OLNA?

There is no charge to resit the OLNA.

What resources are there to help me prepare for the OLNA?

The skills that you are required to demonstrate in the OLNA are outlined in the *Australian Core Skills Framework*, Level 3, which can be found on the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations website on the [Australian Core Skills Framework page \(https://www.dewr.gov.au/skills-information-training-providers/australian-core-skills-framework\)](https://www.dewr.gov.au/skills-information-training-providers/australian-core-skills-framework).

The Authority has developed Foundation courses that make provision for teaching the full range of these skills. Details of these courses can be found on the Authority website on the relevant course page (<https://senior-secondary.scsa.wa.edu.au/syllabus-and-support-materials>).

The *OLNA Writing Guide* can be found on the Authority website on the [OLNA Schools page \(https://senior-secondary.scsa.wa.edu.au/assessment/olna/schools\)](https://senior-secondary.scsa.wa.edu.au/assessment/olna/schools) and is designed to be used by schools to assist students in demonstrating the writing standard. You may also find this document helpful in preparation for the OLNA.

The *OLNA Handbook* can be found on the Authority website on the [OLNA Schools page \(https://senior-secondary.scsa.wa.edu.au/assessment/olna/schools\)](https://senior-secondary.scsa.wa.edu.au/assessment/olna/schools) and includes links to additional support documents for literacy and numeracy that you may find useful.

You also have unlimited access to the OLNA practice and example tests, which you should use to familiarise yourself with the online test environment and the sorts of questions you can expect in the assessment. You should use the practice and example tests in conjunction with the resources listed above in preparation for the OLNA.

Will I be issued with my WACE and a revised WASSA if I demonstrate the literacy and numeracy standard in the future?

Providing you have met all other WACE requirements applicable for that year, and successfully demonstrate the minimum literacy and numeracy standard through the OLNA, a WACE and a revised Western Australian Statement of Student Achievement (WASSA) will be issued via the Authority's [student portal \(https://studentportal.scsa.wa.edu.au\)](https://studentportal.scsa.wa.edu.au).

Can I get into university without a WACE?

Each university has its own entrance requirements. You should speak with the admissions section of the relevant institution about the options that are available to you.

Can I get into TAFE if I have not demonstrated the literacy and numeracy standard?

The Department of Training and Workforce Development has advised there are several alternative pathways to TAFE for school students who have not demonstrated the minimum literacy and numeracy standard for WACE achievement.

Information about how to apply for a full-time course at a TAFE college can be found on the Department of Training and Workforce Development website on the [TAFE Admissions Full time studies guide page \(https://www.fulltimecourses.tafe.wa.edu.au\)](https://www.fulltimecourses.tafe.wa.edu.au). The guide includes specific information for students who have alternative documentation to demonstrate minimum literacy and numeracy skills or who have not demonstrated the standard in reading and numeracy through Year 9 NAPLAN or the OLNA.

Can I use the SAT or the IELTS instead of the OLNA?

No. The Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), International English Language Testing System (IELTS) and other similar assessments do not test the same skills as the OLNA.

If I resit the OLNA, how do I find out my results?

Your results will be emailed to you.

If you have any further questions, contact olna@scsa.wa.edu.au.