



Want to know about the Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment?

Some students are about to sit the Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (OLNA). You may have heard about it but are not sure what it means for your child.

To demonstrate the required literacy and numeracy standards for the Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE), some students will be required to sit this assessment. The School Curriculum and Standards Authority (the Authority) awards the WACE at the end of Year 12 to students who have met all the requirements. You can find more about the requirements on the Authority website at www.scsa.wa.edu.au under *Years 11 and 12 > The WACE > WACE Requirements*.

Some students prequalify for the WACE literacy and numeracy requirement through their performance in the Year 9 National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). Your school will inform you whether your child needs to sit the OLNA. The Authority has also provided a brochure that shows where you can find the minimum score required to prequalify on your child’s NAPLAN report. Further information about determining student prequalification from a NAPLAN individual report can be found on the Authority’s website under *Years 11 and 12 > Assessment > OLNA > Prequalification through NAPLAN*.

Students have up to six opportunities (typically two per year) before the end of Year 12 to meet the requirements. Details of each testing window can be found on the Authority’s website under *Years 11 and 12 > Assessment > OLNA*.

The OLNA has three components – reading, writing and numeracy. The reading and numeracy components comprise 45 multiple-choice questions; the writing component is an extended response of up to 600 words. Students are allowed 50 minutes for the reading and numeracy components and 60 minutes for the writing. Once a student has demonstrated the required skills in a component, they are not required to sit that component again. The table below provides an overview of the components.

	Numeracy	Reading	Writing
Number of questions	45		1 (600-word limit)
Question type	Multiple-choice		Typed response
Time	50 minutes		60 minutes
Adjustments	A variety of adjustments are available		

To prepare our students for the types of questions they can expect and familiarise them with the online assessment platform, access is provided to practice and example tests on a secure website. You can find a link to the practice and example tests on the Authority website under *Years 11 and 12 > Assessment > OLNA > Practice and Example Tests*.

For students with disability, we have guidelines to help determine the appropriate adjustments for equal access. More information is available on the Authority’s website under *Years 11 and 12 > Assessment > Equitable Access to Assessment Policy and Guidelines*.

Students who wish to achieve a WACE and do not demonstrate the literacy and numeracy standard by the time they exit senior secondary schooling can apply to the Authority to resit the OLNA at any age.

Further information can be found on the Authority website under *Years 11 and 12 > Assessment > OLNA*. There you will find more information, answers to frequently asked questions and a brief video. You can also send questions to olna@scsa.wa.edu.au.