

NAPLAN online privacy information – statement

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) conducts the NAPLAN tests in all states and territories.

The Department of Education (the department) is responsible for running NAPLAN tests, including managing student data and reporting results to government and non-government schools and students in the Northern Territory.

Data collections

ACARA will collect the following categories of information for each student, noting that for some categories there will be multiple data fields: student identifier, sex, date of birth, country of birth, language background, whether your child identifies as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, parent occupation and parent education, as well as participation and performance information, for example, multiple choice and written responses.

The department also collects student names and other information for student and school level reporting and related purposes.

Due to the nature of NAPLAN, it is not practical for individuals to remain anonymous.

This Privacy Statement will be relied upon until there is a change to NAPLAN online data use procedures.

Data usage

The tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of testing. They also provide schools, states and territories with information about how education programs are working and which areas need to be prioritised for improvement.

ACARA also creates national reports on schooling, including reporting on the My School website.

Data security

Student data is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student's right to privacy is maintained. The NAPLAN online assessment platform has been built with state-of-the-art security features that have been rigorously tested. Agreements are also in place between ACARA, Education Services Australia Limited (ESA), operators of the platform, and all participating states and territories to ensure personal information is protected. Ownership of the data remains with the department.

Section 40 of the *Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority Act 2008* (Cth) authorises ACARA to collect personal information for purposes including producing national reports and informing education policy. ACARA protects the data it collects in line with Australian Privacy Principle 5 in the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth).

Data deletions

Data is deleted from the service upon request and in accordance with the Northern Territory Government Records Management Retention and Disposal Schedules.

To access, update, review or delete collected data please contact your school's principal to discuss.

Data storage location

Personal information from the NAPLAN tests and information about the device used to access the tests will be stored in Australia in a secure online platform managed by ESA.

Third-party organisations

The provision of students' and parents' information to third parties is required to conduct NAPLAN testing as part of the primary purpose of collecting it. Northern Territory Department of Education (NT DoE) will share data with:

- ACARA is established under the [Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority Act 2008 \(Cth\)](#) (the Act). The Act authorises ACARA to collect and use personal information for purposes including education policy development. For information on ACARA's privacy policy, go to <http://www.acara.edu.au/contact-us/privacy>.
- ESA is a national not-for-profit company owned by education ministers. NT DoE will provide ESA access to student information in order to effectively operate the NAPLAN Online platform. For information on ESA's privacy policy, go to: <https://www.esa.edu.au/other/privacy>.
- Pearson Australia Group Pty Ltd (Pearson). Pearson is a third party provider utilised by NT DoE under contractual arrangements to support NAPLAN testing. Student information is provided to Pearson for this purpose. Under the contractual arrangements, Pearson manages this information in a manner consistent with privacy laws, and retains all information within Australia. For information on Pearson, go to: <http://www.pearson.com.au/privacy-policy/>.

Contact

To discuss NAPLAN online or seek information on how to access, update, review or delete your child's collected data, please contact your school's principal.

Further information

NAPLAN privacy information:

Further information on how ACARA handles and uses personal information may be accessed at:

[NAPLAN Privacy Notice](#)

[NAPLAN Online and protecting privacy](#)

Education privacy information:

[Department of Education Privacy Policy](#)

[NT Information Commissioner](#)

Feedback and questions regarding the Department's management of NAPLAN online can be made through your school or the [department's complaint handling process](#).

Acronyms	Full form
ACARA	Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority
DoE	Department of Education
ESA	Education Services Australia
NAPLAN	National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy
NT	Northern Territory
NTG	Northern Territory Government

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