



# Literacy and Numeracy Test for Initial Teacher Education

## National Teacher Workforce Action Plan LANTITE Trial

### Frequently Asked Questions

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#### Which states and territories are participating in the trial?

As of 18 September 2023, all states and territories in Australia are participating in the LANTITE trial.

#### What has changed?

Test elements that are changing

Test element	Current parameters	Trial parameters
Test attempts	Students enrolled in Australian accredited initial teacher education (ITE) programs receive three standard LANTITE test attempts plus two additional attempts if their HEP endorses it.	The maximum number of test attempts a student can benefit from during the trial period is seven (existing three*, plus five** more from the trial). Students enrolled in accredited ITE programs will have uncapped attempts during the four trial test windows.
Feedback	All students receive a statement of results to indicate if they have met the minimum standard of personal literacy and numeracy expectations of a teacher.	The statement of results have been updated to describe skills tested and outline areas candidates can improve on if they have not been able to meet the test standards.
Students who have exhausted permitted test attempts	Students who have exhausted all five test attempts need to wait two years before they can have their test attempts reset.	Students will have uncapped attempts and receive improved feedback for the duration of the trial, with the duration of the trial not adding additional time to their current wait period.

\* Does not include the two additional attempts HEPs may have supported prior to the trial.

\*\* In April 2024, Ministers agreed to extend the trial by one more test window, to cover the remainder of 2024.

### Test elements that are not changing

Test element	Continuing parameters
Test standard	Personal literacy and numeracy skills equivalent to the top 30 per cent of the Australian adult population.
Test content	The content of the test is not in scope for the trial. It will not be changed.
Cost	\$98 per test component (\$196 for both components).
Prospective/unenrolled students	Prospective and unenrolled students will continue to have uncapped test attempts without HEP support until they enrol in an ITE course.
HEP support	HEPs will continue to support their ITE students to pass the test.
Test windows	Four test windows per year.
Test centres	Candidates have the option to sit the test at an in-person test centre or online via remote proctoring.
Reasonable adjustments	Offered to candidates who require them when appropriate evidence is provided.

### Which higher education providers are included in the trial?

All higher education providers are included in the trial.

### Do I need to inform ACER or my HEP that I'm eligible for the trial?

No, if you are an enrolled student, there are no additional measures you need to take to receive uncapped attempts and improved feedback during the trial.

Candidates only need to register for the test as per normal through the ACER portal.

Those candidates who have exhausted all permitted test attempts before the commencement of the trial and are in a two-year wait period will need to email ACER directly at [teacheredtest@acer.org](mailto:teacheredtest@acer.org) before they are able to register to attempt the test during the trial.

### What does the trial mean for HEPs?

HEPs will continue to support their ITE students to meet the test standard as per *Accreditation of Initial Teacher Education Programs in Australia: Standards and Procedures* Standard 3.5.

HEPs will not have to approve any additional test attempts requested by their ITE students. All ITE students will have access to uncapped attempts during the trial period.

### What does it mean by uncapped attempts?

Students enrolled in accredited ITE programs can attempt the test as many times as they wish within the available test windows during the trial. The trial is a test limit amnesty, meaning that candidates who attempt the test during the trial will not have their failed attempts recorded as attempts when the trial ends. If students meet the test standard during the trial, it will count for the purpose of meeting the standard. They will also receive improved feedback on the Described Proficiency Scale that explains the skills they require to achieve better results and progress from one band to the other.

Prospective and unenrolled candidates will continue to have uncapped test attempts. If these candidates enrol in an accredited ITE course during the trial, they will continue to have uncapped test attempts during the trial.

### ITE student cohorts eligible for improved feedback and permitted LANTITE attempts

Enrolment Period	Maximum Previous Attempts	November 2023 Test Window 4	February 2024 Test Window 1	May 2024 Test Window 2	August 2024 Test Window 3	October 2024 Test Window 4 (trial extension)	Maximum total attempts by end of trial	Potential maximum attempts recorded when the trial ends
Before mid-2022	3*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	8*	Same as pre-trial
Mid-2022	3*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	8*	Same as pre-trial
Start of 2023	3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	8	3
Mid-2023	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	6	1
Start of 2024	N/A	N/A	✓	✓	✓	✓	4	0

\* Does not include the two additional attempts HEPs may have supported prior to the trial.

### How does this impact candidates doing an online course?

These students will also be eligible for uncapped test attempts and receive improved feedback during the trial.

### How does this impact prospective students?

Prospective students will receive improved feedback if they do not meet the standard. Unlimited test attempts already apply to prospective students.

### I previously exhausted the test attempt limit, what does the trial mean for me and how do I register for the test?

Test candidates who previously exhausted all permitted test attempts and are waiting two years to have their test attempts reset are eligible to sit the test as part of the trial. They do not need to continue to wait two years to reset their test attempts during the trial period. These candidates will

need to contact ACER directly to be able to register for the upcoming test window by emailing [teacheredtest@acer.org](mailto:teacheredtest@acer.org).

At the end of the trial, if they have not met the test standard, and a test limit is maintained, then these candidates will need to wait out the remainder of their two years from when it started before the trial.

#### **What happens when the trial ends?**

All Education Ministers will consider the findings of the trial and decide on any permanent changes to test limits and the feedback system.

#### **Where do I go for literacy and numeracy support?**

ACER provides practice tests which can be accessed through <https://teacheredtest.acer.edu.au/prepare/practice-material>. ACER have also made 40 more practice questions available (20 numeracy-based and 20 literacy questions), as of September 2023.

If you are a student enrolled in an accredited ITE course, your HEP has a key role in supporting you to meet the test standard. Many HEPs have additional resources to support students. If you are not yet enrolled but know the HEP you want to attend, contact them to seek advice on sitting the test and support they can provide you to prepare for the test before you enrol.

#### **Need more information?**

For any administrative inquiries about the test, including to inform ACER that you have previously exhausted all permitted attempts and wish to sit the test again, please contact ACER by emailing [teacheredtest@acer.org](mailto:teacheredtest@acer.org).