

# NAPLAN Online – Disability adjustment information for parents and carers

Disability adjustments are available for NAPLAN Online and are intended to allow access to the tests for students with disability on an equivalent basis to students without disability.

The adjustments provided in NAPLAN Online should reflect the type of support and assistance your child is already receiving for classroom assessments. Some adjustments, however, are not appropriate in NAPLAN tests as they interfere with the skills being tested. For example, a support person cannot read questions or stimulus material to your child in the reading or conventions of language tests.

If you have a child with disability, the first step is to talk to your child's teacher about disability adjustment options. You will need to provide consent for any adjustments. Many of the adjustments are at the discretion of the school but some adjustments will require your child's school to make an application to NESA.

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## Available disability adjustments

**Rest breaks** may be provided to students with disability who may experience fatigue during assessments. Your child's test time will be paused for the duration of the rest break.

**Extra test time** may be provided for students with disability who are usually provided with extra time to complete classroom assessments.

A **NAPLAN support person** may assist a student with disability to access the tests if they usually work with a support person for assessments.

A **scribe** may assist a student with disability to complete the writing test only. Both scribe and student must be familiar with the NAPLAN scribe rules. The student must regularly work with a scribe in the classroom. A student with a temporary injury, such as a broken arm, must not use a scribe.

An **Oral/sign support person** may assist a student with a hearing impairment by reading or signing some sections of the tests. **Alternative items – audio** may also be appropriate for these students as spelling questions that rely on audio will be replaced with proofreading spelling questions.

A zoom function is available for all students to magnify the screen. For students with a vision impairment, **Alternative items – visual** may also be appropriate as simplified or enlarged images will be provided.

**Assistive technology** is used by many students with disability to access digital content. If your child's assistive technology is not compatible with the NAPLAN Online application, a special URL code can be provided so they may sit the tests outside the NAPLAN Online application.

**Colour themes** are available for students who normally access classroom assessments on coloured paper. Alternatively, your child can use **Colour contrast modification** to work outside the NAPLAN Online application and use their own device's settings or software to change the screen colour.

If the NAPLAN Online tests are not accessible for your child, they may be able to sit an **Alternative format test**, such as a braille or large print test.

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## Questions?

If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher in the first instance.



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