



OLNA FAQs: for individuals who have left school and who intend to re-sit the OLNA

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

You may sit the OLNA after you leave Year 12 during any of the subsequent March or September rounds. Should you demonstrate the standard during any of these rounds, and you have met all the other requirements in place in that year, you will achieve a WACE.

When can I sit the OLNA again?

You may sit the OLNA during any future OLNA rounds. These are normally held in the first weeks of March and September. Please see the OLNA webpage for dates for future years: <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 of each year.

Country and International:

You will need to either come to one of the metropolitan venues or find an approved supervisor. The process will be the same as for home educated students. You may access OLNA at:

- a school. Contact the OLNA Helpdesk (olna@scsa.wa.edu.au) to make arrangements, or
- a site with a supervisor approved by the Authority where supervision can be guaranteed. Contact the OLNA Helpdesk (olna@scsa.wa.edu.au) for a *Supervisor application form*.

How do I tell you I want to sit the OLNA again?

Applications for the March round of OLNA will open in January and applications for the September round will open in June.

The Authority will provide an online process accessible via the OLNA web page (<http://senior-secondary.scsa.wa.edu.au/assessment/olna>) for you to apply. You will then be sent an email allowing you to select a date, time and venue for you to sit the OLNA.

Does it cost anything to re-sit the OLNA?

There will be no charge to re-sit the OLNA.

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

The skills that you are required to demonstrate come from the Australian Core Skills Framework Level 3 which is available via <https://www.education.gov.au/download-acsf>. The Authority has developed Foundation courses that make provision for the teaching of the full range of these skills. Details of these courses are available at the relevant course page accessible via <http://senior-secondary.scsa.wa.edu.au/syllabus-and-support-materials>.

The *OLNA Writing Guide*, available via <http://senior-secondary.scsa.wa.edu.au/assessment/olna/schools>, is designed for use by schools to specifically assist students in demonstrating the writing standard. Parents may find this document helpful.

The *OLNA Handbook*, available via <http://senior-secondary.scsa.wa.edu.au/assessment/olna/schools>, 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 only use to help familiarise yourself with the online test environment and the sorts of questions you can expect in the assessment. It would not be wise to use these tests alone to prepare for the OLNA.

Will I be issued with my WACE and revised WASSA, if I demonstrate the standard in future year/s?

Providing you have met all other WACE requirements in place in the year that you elect to re-sit the OLNA tests and successfully demonstrate the standard through the tests, a WACE and revised WASSA will be issued.

Will I graduate from school without the WACE?

The requirements for graduation from your school are determined by your school. The achievement of a WACE is not necessarily one of these requirements. Please contact your school administration and ask them to explain your school's graduation rules.

Will universities accept me 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 literacy and numeracy standard for WACE achievement.

The TAFE Choices website (link below) provides information on how to apply for a full-time course at a TAFE college and includes specific information for students who have not demonstrated the standard in reading and numeracy through Year 9 NAPLAN or the OLNA.

Additionally, the TAFE Admissions guide for entry to full-time courses outlines the process for recognition of alternative documentation to demonstrate minimum literacy and numeracy skills for entry into TAFE. This is available via <http://www.fulltimecourses.tafe.wa.edu.au>.

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

No. The SAT, IELTS and other similar assessments do not test the same skills as the OLNA.

If I re-sit the OLNA, how do I find out my results?

Your results will be sent to you.

If you have any further questions please contact info@scsa.wa.edu.au.