

# Literacy and Numeracy Test for Initial Teacher Education Students

The Literacy and Numeracy Test for Initial Teacher Education (the test) is a national test designed to demonstrate that graduates of Initial Teacher Education (ITE) programs demonstrate personal skills of literacy and numeracy within the top 30 percent of the population.

All State and Territory Education Ministers agreed in 2015 to amend the [Accreditation of Initial Teacher Education Programs in Australia: Standards and Procedures](#) to make the test the means by which students graduating from ITE programs, demonstrate their personal levels of literacy and numeracy.

The test is one of many reforms implemented during 2016, to the accreditation of ITE programs in Australia. The test is administered on behalf of the Australian Government by the Australian Council for Educational Research.

The test is a *program accreditation requirement*, not a *teacher registration requirement*.

## Who needs to sit the test?

The successful completion of the test is a requirement for all students who commence an initial teacher education program (ITE) in Tasmania through the University of Tasmania for the first time from 1 July 2016, prior to undertaking their final professional experience placement. Successful completion of this test is therefore a graduation requirement, as students cannot graduate from an ITE course without completing their final professional experience placement.

The TRB strongly encourages students enrolled prior to this date to undertake the test. Successful completion of the test may enhance your employment prospects both in Australia and internationally and some employers may require completion of the test.

For more information contact the institution at which you are currently studying or go to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training website:

- [Australian Government Teacher Quality](#).