Literacy and Numeracy Competency Testing

Frequently Asked Questions

1) Do I need to complete the tests to graduate?
   No: It is not currently compulsory for students to undertake the test in order to graduate, but it is highly recommended that you do so.

   Ensuring that you are the most capable graduate that you can be should be your goal; hence the tests provide you with an indication of your strengths and weaknesses in literacy and numeracy so that you are able to take action if necessary to improve these capabilities prior to graduation. Our advice is that you undertake the test and if you do not attain the recommended 80% then do some revision and retake the test until you do succeed.

2) What level is our knowledge tested at?
   The tests are based on NAPLAN competencies – at year 9 level.

3) What is the desired level of competence?
   80%

4) How do we know if we have achieved the required level?
   A percentage score will be generated when you complete the test.

5) What happens if I fail the test/s
   We suggest that you up-skill in the areas where you are least competent. Please review the advice provided in the past regarding increasing your skill level in both of these domains (provided again in the attached document) so that you are best prepared to re-sit / take the test(s).

6) How many times can I take the test?
   You can repeat the tests as many times it takes to achieve competency. You will need to self-identify the areas in which you lack proficiency and take responsibility to enhance your knowledge.

7) Will we have access to our completed tests?
   No – the test is in a databank format, randomised each time a student accesses it. We are not, therefore, able to provide access to your completed tests at this time.

8) As the tests were embedded in units in 2011, how do I find out if I have already completed and passed the test?
   If you successfully completed the tests in the past you would have been informed of your success or otherwise via email (from either Tim Moss, Rosemary Callingham or Rainie Douglas), and subsequently presented with a certificate of completion. Please check your emails.

9) Will there be more information sent out to students regarding these test/s?
   Yes
10) What if I am not undertaking the unit in which the test is embedded? Can I access the test/s outside the unit?
   Yes – all students will have access to the test/s.

11) When will the test be available?
   The tests will be available to students in May for a two week period and then again in semester 2.

12) How long will the test/s site be available?
   You will have a 2 week period in which to access and complete the test/s.