ACARA and its partners have been undertaking a range of research activities to investigate the feasibility and practicalities of delivering assessments online.

Moving NAPLAN online...

Education minister announces $24.7m funding to deliver NAPLAN online.

- Initial trials of the tool and test designs: Small pilot study of tailored test branched testing, September–October.
- Tailored test design research findings published 14 September.
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- Item authoring tool for NAP–science developed and implemented in 2014, November – pilot test.
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- Continued planning, design and delivery during 2016 could include:
  - Test item trialling in schools
  - School and jurisdiction familiarisation with the system
  - Dress rehearsal and testing at a national level
- NAPLAN online implemented from 2017 on an opt-in basis over two–three years.

Development and implementation of the assessment tool:
- 2012: Field trials: March
- 2013: Main study: October–November
- 2014: Main study: October–November
- 2015: Main study: October–November
- 2016: Main study: October–November
- 2017: Main study: October–November
- 2018: Main study: October–November
- 2019: Main study: October–November

Maintain and enhance the interactive assessment tool which is now available for use:
- 2012: National Assessment Program civics and citizenship (NAP–CC)
- 2013: National Assessment Program ICT literacy (NAP–ICT)
- 2014: National Assessment Program science literacy (NAP–SL)
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Refine, enhance and implement tool for sample assessment:
- 2012: Using central assessment platform
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- 2015: Using central assessment platform
- 2016: Using central assessment platform
- 2017: Using central assessment platform (to be confirmed)
- 2018: Using central assessment platform (to be determined by ministers)

Roll out of central testing platform on an opt-in basis:
- 2012: Using central assessment platform
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