NAPLAN — Preparing

Platform guide 5: Technical readiness

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The school must conduct technical readiness checks prior to the NAPLAN test window. These can be completed by the **school technical support officer**, **principal** or **NAPLAN coordinator**.

There are four parts to technical readiness checks. Most of these are completed without having to log into the assessment platform.
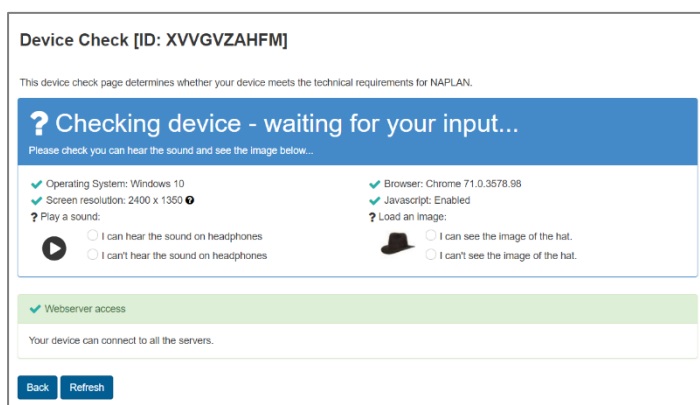
1. Devices

Devices must meet the minimum requirements and pass a device check. This information is regularly updated by ACARA and can be found on their assessment platform. **No login** is required.

Tools and Resources

- Locked down browser
- Device requirements
- Test Administrator
- Principal and NAPLAN Coordinator
- School Technical Support Officer
- TAAs and Sector Administrators
- Device Check (no stored results)
- Network firewall requirements and recommendations for schools

Device checks can be completed in two ways:

- through the NAP locked-down browser (LDB) on a student device (recommended)

- using the link on the assessment platform.

A green tick indicates the device meets requirements. A red cross indicates the device does not meet requirements. Results of these checks will not be saved.

Schools should have backup devices available that have been checked and have the most current version of the NAP LDB installed in the event another device is not working.

2. Network settings (Catholic and Independent schools)

The Network firewall requirements and recommendations for schools resource contains important technical information, such as firewall and proxy requirements for NAPLAN testing at schools.

Login is required to access this document.

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3. NAP locked-down browser

All student devices require the most current version of the NAP LDB to be installed. Schools with BYO devices should allow sufficient time for this installation.

Once the LDB has been installed, the application must be opened before the NAPLAN test window to check that it has been installed successfully.

Current versions of the LDB can be found on the assessment platform and should be checked before each test event. **No login** is required.

Tools and Resources

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4. Capacity

It is recommended that schools test the maximum device load on their school network. They can do this by administering a practice test that reflects the greatest number of students expected to test concurrently. Practice tests can be conducted in the NAPLAN Training and Practice environment of the assessment platform.

Capacity testing should consider school bandwidth, access points, and device counts.

More information

If you would like more information, please visit the QCAA website at www.qcaa.qld.edu.au and search for 'NAPLAN'. Alternatively, phone 1300 214 452 or email naplan@qcaa.qld.edu.au.