

NAPLAN 2027 and Eid al-Fitr

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a nationwide measure to see whether or not young Australians are developing the literacy and numeracy skills that provide the critical foundation for other learning, and for their productive and rewarding participation in the community.

In 2027, NAPLAN testing will coincide with the end of the Islamic holy month of Ramadan and the celebration of Eid al-Fitr. Muslims may observe Eid al-Fitr through prayer and family and community events.

NAPLAN testing dates are established in consultation with state, territory and federal authorities, accommodating different term dates across the country. As dates for Ramadan and Eid al-Fitr change each year, they may at times fall during the NAPLAN test window.

After consulting with Islamic schools' representatives, the following guidance is provided for schools, students, parents and carers.

Schools should refer to the [NAPLAN national protocols for test administration](#) when developing their test schedule.

Key dates

Ramadan starts
8 February*

Eid al-Fitr
10 March*

2027 NAPLAN test window
10–22 March

** Dates are approximate*

Further information

For more information about NAPLAN visit www.nap.edu.au or contact your child's school. Schools can contact their state or territory test administration authority.

What happens if a school is closed for Eid events?

Schools that are planning to be closed during test days must consult with their [test administration authority \(TAA\)](#) prior to finalising their test schedule.

Example: A secondary school will be closed for Eid events on days 1 and 2 of the test window. The school consults its TAA, which may advise the school to schedule the writing test on day 3 and non-writing tests from day 4 onwards.

The school develops a test schedule that follows the required test sequence and includes time for catch-up tests. As a result, all students who are eligible to participate in NAPLAN have the opportunity to do so.

What happens if individual students are absent from school due to Eid events?

All eligible students are encouraged to participate in NAPLAN. Schools can arrange catch-up sessions, where possible, for students absent on test days including those absent because they are observing Eid.

Example: A Year 3 student attends a school that begins testing on day 1 of the test window, with tests scheduled from days 1 to 4. The student is absent on days 1 to 3 to celebrate Eid with their family and returns to school on day 4. On their return, the student joins their class for the scheduled test session and completes the writing test in a catch-up session later that day. The remaining missed tests are completed in the test order during catch-up sessions, with all tests finished by day 9 of the test window.

Parents and carers should speak to their child's school if they have any questions about their child's participation in NAPLAN.