



# Literacy and Numeracy Assessments

Why do them?

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**In 2006, research showed that 1.1 million New Zealanders (43 percent of the adults aged 16–65) had literacy and numeracy skills below those needed to participate fully in 21<sup>st</sup> century life.**

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**As a result of this information, the Government has invested additional money to strengthen the literacy and numeracy skills of the NZ workforce and those people close to entering the workforce.**

**This focus on literacy and numeracy complements Otago Polytechnic's own expectations for graduates – that they are competent communicators, numerate and literate.**

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**Throughout your programme lecturers will include learning activities to develop literacy and numeracy skills, particularly those relevant to the vocation you are training for.**

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**The Adult Literacy and Numeracy Assessment Tool is a new tool, being used nationally, to provide information about students' reading, writing, listening and numeracy skills.**

**Lecturers can use this information to plan their teaching.**

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**When you start your programme, we will ask you to complete a literacy and/or numeracy assessment.**

**Towards the end of the programme we will ask you to repeat these assessments to see what gains you have made.**

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**The Assessment Tool helps us to know you “the learner,” and information from the Tool can then be used to identify the next learning steps.**

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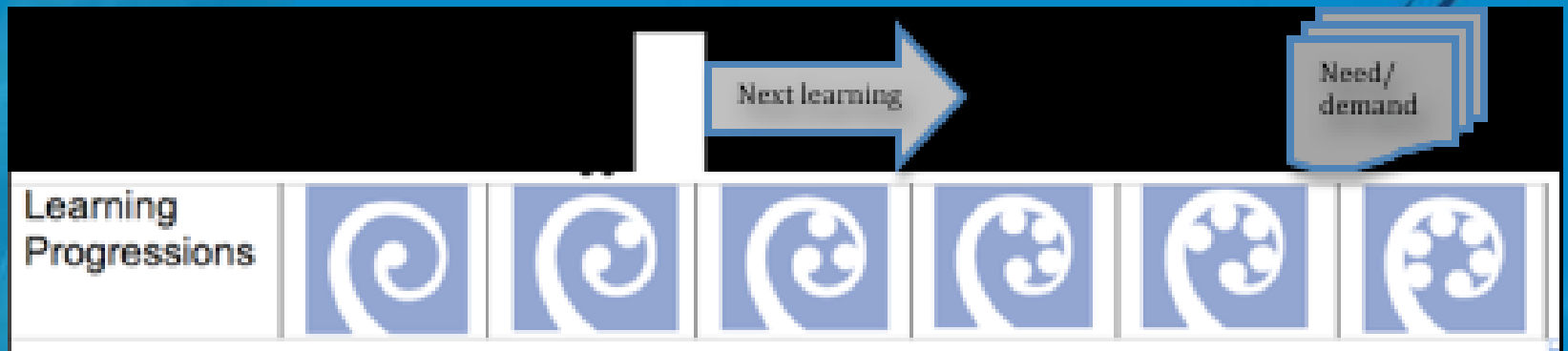
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**After viewing your assessment results, if lecturers think you would benefit from additional one-to-one or small group tutorials, they will discuss this with you.**

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**The Assessment Tool allows you and your lecturers to track your progress over time. It also informs our teaching, so we can focus on the areas needed to develop your literacy and numeracy skills.**

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**These assessments are compulsory as we must use the data to report back to Government on the progress we have made with literacy and numeracy within our programmes.**

**Your results are attached to your NSN.**

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**You take most of the assessments online and each learner's assessment is unique.**

**After approximately 30 questions the computer is able to provide a reliable estimate of your ability.**

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**Shortly, you will be issued with codes that link you to the individual assessments that have been set for you.**

**You access the assessment by entering the assessment code into the Assessment Tool login page.**

**<http://assess.literacyandnumeracyforadults.com>**

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**Assessment Tool**

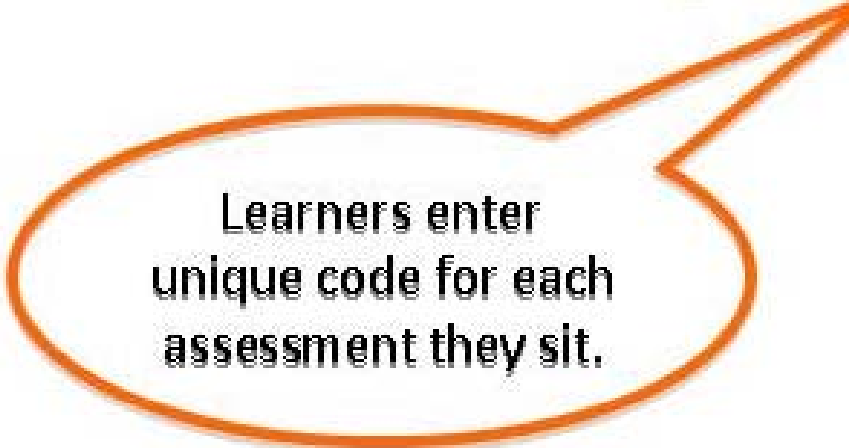
## Welcome

The purpose of this tool is to help educators identify learners' literacy and numeracy skills.

### As a Learner...

Use the assessment code to log in. This code will have been emailed or given to you. When you have finished the assessment, you can view and print your results.

Have an  
here.



**Learners enter  
unique code for each  
assessment they sit.**

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Don't worry if you find the questions in the assessments difficult. The more you get right, the harder the questions get, so you may get as many as half of the questions wrong.

However, it is very important that you make an honest attempt to do your best. You can stop, log out and have a rest any time during an assessment.

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**Thank you for helping us to get to know you better and providing us with the information we need to support you in your studies.**

**Ma te mohio ka ora:  
ma to ora ka mohio.  
Through learning there is life:  
through life there is learning!**

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