

# IMPROVING LITERACY AND NUMERACY

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Literacy and numeracy skills are essential for success in learning and life after school. This is why students are required to show they have met a **minimum standard** of literacy and numeracy to receive the Higher School Certificate **from 2020**.



Students will show they have met the HSC minimum standard by passing online tests of **basic reading, writing and numeracy skills** needed for everyday tasks.



Students master basic skills at different stages so there are **multiple opportunities** available to pass the online tests, from Year 10 until a few years after Year 12.



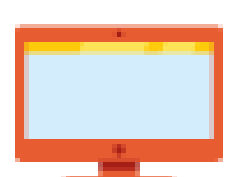
Teachers will help students to meet the standard through quality teaching of the NSW curriculum and helping to identify at-risk students early.



Some students with disabilities will be eligible for extra provisions for the online tests, or an exemption from the HSC minimum standard requirement.

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