

Literacy and numeracy funding baselines

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This factsheet shows the funding baselines for literacy and numeracy, as set in Budget 2009.

Increases to literacy and numeracy funding were one of the major items in the unfunded Budget 2008 package, and significant savings were required in this area. The government balanced the need for savings against the importance of continuing to fund a coherent package of literacy and numeracy provision.

For the most part, the savings involve reductions in forecast future growth rather than reductions to existing levels of provision.

The main exception to this is the Workplace Literacy Fund where, following the Jobs Summit, the government has decided to fund a 50% increase in learner numbers in 2009/10. This recognises the importance of literacy and numeracy skills in the workforce, given the overall economic climate.

Outyears funding for literacy and numeracy will need to be considered in future budgets and in the context of the overall agenda to maximise value for money and streamline the tertiary funding system.

Fund	\$m, GST exclusive				
	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Workplace Literacy Fund Customised learning in the workplace at specific employers.	11.2	16.8	16.9	12.4	11.7
Intensive Literacy and Numeracy provision (previously Foundation Learning Pool) Community learning for people with very low levels of literacy and numeracy who are unlikely to access more formal learning.	15.3	13.9	12.9	12.9	10.9
ITP embedded literacy and numeracy Literacy and numeracy embedded into certificates at NQF levels 1-3.	5.8	6.8	7.4	7.4	6.4
ITO embedded literacy and numeracy projects Literacy and numeracy embedded into training for employees with Industry Training agreements.	6.8	9.6	8.0	8.0	7.0
Employee targeted literacy and numeracy Training for individuals or small groups of employees who cannot access workplace literacy projects.	1.0	3.4	2.8	2.8	2.8
Learning Representatives Funding for a programme of representatives to inform employees about workplace literacy requirements and opportunities.	0.8	0.8	0.3	0.3	0.3
Adult Literacy Educator Grants Fee scholarships for educators studying for qualifications in teaching adult literacy and numeracy.	3.0	2.1	0.7	0.5	0.5