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For English-medium Initial Teacher Education (Primary) providers

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Re: Use of the Literacy and Numeracy for Adults Assessment Tool (LNAAT) in English medium Initial Teacher Education (Primary)

Recently, the Teaching Council of Aotearoa announced that from 2025 student teachers will need to demonstrate competence in numeracy using the LNAAT assessment tool.

LNAAT was developed by NZCER for the Tertiary Education Commission (TEC) and NZCER provides ongoing support for the use of the tool in tertiary education contexts. The LNAAT tool has been successfully used by tertiary education providers for over 10 years.

In order to use the LNAAT assessment tool, the Chief Executive of your organisation must sign the *Agreement to Use the Literacy and Numeracy for Adults Assessment Tool*. For some organisations this agreement will already be in place and does not need to be signed again. The Agreement describes the purpose of LNAAT and how it can be used (clauses 6 to 11, and 15 to 19). The Agreement focuses on use of the tool by tertiary educators to identify learners' strengths and weaknesses, to help develop programmes to meet their learners' needs, and to track progress over time. Under clause 11, NZCER can approve the use of LNAAT for purposes other than those described in clauses 6 to 10.

With the agreement of the TEC and the Teaching Council of Aotearoa, this letter serves as approval for your organisation to use the LNAAT tool as a requirement to assess the numeracy competency of learners in order to graduate from Primary ITE programmes.

Guidance and Support

To support LNAAT use in assessing student teachers, NZCER has been commissioned by the Teaching Council to provide guidance and support.

You will be able to access:

- Guidelines for using the tool
- A choice of two online introductory sessions
- Two hours of individualised support for each provider (available during office hours)
- Ongoing online support for any difficulties encountered.

Further information can be found here: [Literacy and Numeracy for Adults Assessment Tool](#)

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