



Preschool Outcomes Measure National Tool Pilot

Plain Language Statement for Facilitators

You are invited to participate in the Preschool Outcomes Measure National Tool pilot as a facilitator.

The pilot provides preschools with an opportunity to use the Preschool Outcomes Measure National Tool with children and share valuable feedback about how it can support their practice and what can be improved. As a facilitator, you will play an important role in supporting teachers' and educators' understanding and use of the Preschool Outcomes Measure National Tool.

What is the Preschool Outcomes Measure National Tool?

The Preschool Outcomes Measure National Tool is a formative assessment designed to help teachers and educators understand children's learning progress in oral language and literacy and executive function in the year before full-time school.

The formative assessment is designed to integrate into play-based learning environments and aligns with the Early Years Learning Framework and state-approved equivalents. It supports teachers and educators to make informed planning and teaching decisions and tailor learning experiences to each child's current learning. The Preschool Outcomes Measure National Tool can be used with children of all cultural backgrounds and abilities, including children with disability or developmental concerns, children who speak a home language other than English, and children who speak Aboriginal English.

The Preschool Outcomes Measure is an initiative of the Australian and state and territory governments. The Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) is leading the pilot in partnership with Goodstart Early Learning and Ninti One.

What are the benefits of getting involved?

Benefits may include:

- Opportunity to shape the ongoing refinement of the Preschool Outcomes Measure National Tool
- Opportunity to build familiarity with innovative early childhood formative assessment and educator resources
- Access to specialised professional learning experiences and materials, and guidance to help you build capability for teachers and educators in your state or territory
- Ongoing support throughout the pilot

What will you do in the pilot?

As a facilitator in 2026, you will:

- Participate in induction and professional learning workshops of up to 3.5 days total (face-to-face or online)



- Access the Preschool Outcomes Measure National Tool through a digital platform, e.g. on a tablet device
- Attend 3 online Facilitator Network meetings of approximately 2 hours each
- Complete short online learning modules and familiarise yourself with the support materials available to teachers and educators (up to half a day in total)
- Engage with preschools, teachers and educators in your state or territory to provide support and collect feedback
- Share your feedback with ACER to support the development of the professional learning materials for teachers and educators.

You will have access to a Helpdesk and support from the ACER professional learning team throughout the pilot.

In 2027, you will be invited to continue to support teachers and educators, including by leading workshops and acting within a community of practice to provide coaching and support.

Protecting data and privacy

Participation is voluntary. When you access the digital Tool for the first time, you will be asked to indicate your consent to participate. You can withdraw from the pilot at any time by submitting a 'submit a request' contact form (<https://preschoolsupport.acer.org/hc/en-au/requests/new>).

When using the Tool, you will be invited to provide personal information about your qualifications, experience and First Nations status, which only authorised ACER researchers will see. Data from the pilot will only be used for research purposes to improve the Preschool Outcomes Measure National Tool. Any information shared outside ACER for research purposes will not include names of children, teachers, educators, or facilitators. ACER will collect and manage data according to our privacy policy: www.acer.org/privacy.

ACER's Human Research Ethics Committee has approved this project (reference HREC-0363). If you have any questions about this process, contact Sarah Buckley, Chair of the ACER HREC at 03 9277 5475 or hrec@acer.org.

For more information about the pilot, you can contact ACER at preschool.support@acer.org.