



Preschool Outcomes Measure National Tool Pilot

Plain Language Statement for Teachers and Educators

Your service has agreed to participate in the pilot of the Preschool Outcomes Measure National Tool and we invite you to take part.

The pilot provides teachers and educators an opportunity to use the Preschool Outcomes Measure National Tool with children and share valuable feedback to help us understand how it can support your practice and children's learning.

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:

- the opportunity to shape the ongoing refinement of the Preschool Outcomes Measure National Tool
- engagement with innovative early childhood formative assessment and professional learning resources
- enhanced insights into children's strengths and learning progress, to support planning and high-quality practice
- access to specialised professional learning experiences and materials
- ongoing support throughout the pilot

The more teachers and educators who participate in the pilot, the better the Preschool Outcomes Measure National Tool will be for everyone.



What will you do in the pilot?

You will receive access to the Preschool Outcomes Measure National Tool through a digital platform.

You will use the formative assessment to engage children in familiar and game-like assessment experiences and record observations and reflections about how children demonstrate their oral language and literacy and executive function capabilities. You will use a tablet device to record your observations and reflections, and for some assessment experiences, you will support children to interact directly with a tablet device. An alternative paper version of the assessment is also available. You might choose to share insights from the assessment to support conversations with parents and carers about their child's learning.

You will be asked to give feedback about your experience and make suggestions for improvement. You will have access to an ACER Helpdesk throughout the pilot.

Professional learning

Before using the tool, you will attend:

- a 2-day professional learning workshop if you are new to the Preschool Outcomes Measure National Tool, or
- a 1-day refresher workshop if you participated in the 2025 National Applied Trial.

You will have access to additional professional learning resources, including online materials and self-paced modules, to suit different levels of experience.

You will be asked to complete a short feedback questionnaire during the professional learning workshop. You will also have the chance to provide more detailed feedback in a survey at the end of the pilot, which should take 20–25 minutes to complete.

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>). Children can choose to stop participating and parents or carers can choose to 'opt-out' at any time.

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 or staff. Data will not be used to rank or compare children or preschools. 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.

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