Evaluation completed

The evaluation of the Pilot of the Literacy and Numeracy Digital Evidence Tool (LiNDET) has now been completed.

Digital Literacy and Numeracy Assessment Pilot 2016-2017: Evaluation Report (PDF, 1.6MB)

More information on the future of the tool will be published on this page as it becomes available. However, as noted in the evaluation report, technical changes need to be made before the tool can be made available to a wider audience. If you would like to be notified of further developments, please email future.state@nzqa.govt.nz.

Project background

In May 2016, NZQA contracted the New Zealand Council for Educational Research (NZCER) to support the Trial and Pilot of online assessment towards unit standards 26623 *Use numbers to solve problems* and 26624 *Read texts with understanding*.

This Trial and Pilot enabled learners to undertake an online assessment (LiNDET) that provided evidence for these standards using Computer Adaptive Testing. This means that the assessment adapts to the ability level of the student completing it, and assesses them accordingly against the approved benchmarking programmed within the platform.
In August 2016, NZQA sought expressions of interest from education organisations with Consent to Assess in being involved in a Trial and Pilot of the online assessment.

The online assessment tool was Trialled 10 – 24 October 2016. The Trial tested and calibrated items in the tool. The evidence generated from the Trial could not be used to award the unit standards.

NZQA then ran a Pilot 23 April – 5 May 2017 to explore the effectiveness of gathering evidence for standards via an online assessment tool. The results from the Pilot were provided to teachers (in a marking capacity) who used the evidence to decide whether the student had “achieved” or “not achieved” the standard. If successful, learners could gain credits towards the unit standards option for meeting the Literacy and Numeracy requirement of the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA).

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