

Te Ata Hāpara Reading Assessment trial FAQ

Q1: How long does the Te Ata Hāpara trial run for?

We estimate the trial period will run for **3-5 months from the release date of 6th July 2015**. Te Ata Hāpara reading assessment options will remain under trial status until sufficient data is collected to let us update item difficulty ratings.

To speed this process a selection of Adult and Youth items have been included in the Te Ata Hāpara item bank. The new Te Ata Hāpara items have also been added to the Adult item bank. This will increase the exposure of these items and assist with the collection of trial data.

Q2: Can we still use Te Ata Hāpara Assessments after the trial period finishes?

Yes. Please note that Te Ata Hāpara reading assessments sat in the trial period will operate on the trial item difficulty settings. Once trial data has been analysed all items included in the Te Ata Hāpara item-bank will be updated.

Q3: Who can sit Te Ata Hāpara Assessments?

Outside of [TEC Assessment Tool usage guidelines](#) there are no restrictions on who can use the Te Ata Hāpara reading assessments. Te Ata Hāpara reading assessment options have been developed to better engage with Māori learners. We anticipate organisations working with large numbers of Māori learners to adopt this new option for their reading assessment activity.

Q4: Where do learners enter their sit Te Ata Hāpara Assessment codes?

There is a new homepage for learners who are sitting Te Ata Hāpara reading assessments.

It can be found here: <https://assess.literacyandnumeracyforadults.com/maoriLogin.aspx>

If a learner were to enter a code for their Te Ata Hāpara reading assessment on the Adult Homepage it would redirect them to the Te Ata Hāpara assessment homepage (and vice versa). **Note:** This only applies to learners entering their assessment codes. Educators and Organisation Administrators continue to login via the Adult page as usual.

Q5: Can we use the Te Ata Hāpara Assessments for pre-assessments and post assessments?

Yes. You can use the new Te Ata Hāpara reading assessment options for both initial and progress assessments.

Q6: Do Te Ata Hāpara Assessments count toward our TEC assessment targets?

Yes. New Te Ata Hāpara reading assessments count towards your TEC reading assessment targets. This includes assessments sat within the trial period as well as any assessments sat after the trial period finishes.

Q7: Our organisation has already completed (Adult and/or Youth) assessments for our 2015 learners, is this a problem?

Not at all. We fully understand that the timing of the Te Ata Hāpara reading assessments trial might not align with some organisations' assessment practice. However, if you are able to participate in the trial, even with a small group of learners, it would be very much appreciated.

Q8: What is the video player feature on the Te Ata Hāpara homepage for?

All homepages now have embedded YouTube videos. Similar to the content available on the Youth Assessment Homepage we will be releasing new videos on the Te Ata Hāpara homepage later in 2015. This content will assist in preparing learners for their assessment/s and explain the background and development of the Te Ata Hāpara reading assessment options. Watch this space!!

Q9: Can we create paper-based Te Ata Hāpara Assessments?

Yes. Te Ata Hāpara reading assessments are available in online and paper-based options. This includes full length adaptive and Snapshot versions.

Q10: Are the Individual and End-of-assessment reports different for Te Ata Hāpara Assessments?

No. Aside from a different colour scheme Te Ata Hāpara reading assessments provide the same reporting functions as Adult and Youth assessments. Te Ata Hāpara reading assessments operate on the same scale and progressions as existing Adult and Youth assessment options.

Q11: How do we create Te Ata Hāpara Assessments??

The Te Ata Hāpara development only includes reading assessment options. When creating a Reading assessment you are now prompted to chose between Adult, Youth or Māori (Te Ata Hāpara) audience options. All other assessment choices remain the same.

Q12: What Te Ata Hāpara Assessments are available?

Te Ata Hāpara Assessments are only available for reading.

Q13: I have a question that isn't covered in this FAQ, who do I contact?

If you have any questions about Te Ata Hāpara assessments and/or the trial please contact the Assessment Tool Service Desk at assessforadults@nzcer.org.nz.