

SECTION NINE

STATE- AND TERRITORY-SPECIFIC INFORMATION

9.1 Australian Capital Territory

9.1.1 School level

Year 5

9.1.2 Number of students

Five hundred students are to be sampled to adjust for sampling errors and small population. Using an estimated mean of 25 students per class, a total of 20 must be recruited for the study.

9.1.3 Nature of the sample

Simple random sampling of government primary schools in the Australian Capital Territory.

9.1.4 Selection of the sample

The Department of Education and Training or Phase Two research team member under its supervision

9.1.5 Selection of test forms

- Home Test: 1994 version of DART
- Foreign Test: 1996 version of BST

9.1.6 Test time

- Home Test: 75 minutes; writing - 2 hours 40 minutes (including discussions)
- Foreign Test: No time limit

9.1.7 Test dates

- Home Test: Any school day within the second and third week of the fourth school term. That is, any weekday between 20 October and 31 October 1997 to be determined in consultation with the Department of Education.
- Foreign Test: Any school day within the second and third week of the fourth term after the Home Test and not on the same day as the Home Test. That is, any weekday between 20 October and 31 October 1997, after the Home Test and not on the same day as the Home Test, to be determined in consultation with the Department of Education and Training.

9.1.8 Test administration

- Briefing schools: Territory responsibility
- Dispatching test papers to schools: Territory responsibility
- Collecting the test papers: Territory responsibility
- Administering the tests: Territory responsibility
- Returning of test papers to Territory: Principals or delegates
- Returning of test papers to Phase Two research team: Territory responsibility

9.2 New South Wales

9.2.1 School level

Year 5

9.2.2 Number of students

A total of 2625 Year 5 students. Using an estimated 25 students per class on average, this number of students is expected to come from 105 New South Wales government primary schools.

9.2.3 Nature of the sample

Simple random sampling of government primary schools within New South Wales.

9.2.4 Selection of the sample

The NSW Department of School Education, dependent upon resolution of current union issues. The NSW Department of School Education will advise Phase Two researcher where appropriate.

9.2.5 Selection of test forms

- Home Test: 1996 version of Year 5 BST of Literacy Test
- Foreign Test: the 1995 version of MAP

9.2.6 Test time

- Home Test: No time limit
- Foreign Test: No time limit

9.2.7 Test dates

- Home Test: Any school day within the second and third week of the fourth school term. That is, any weekday between 20 October and 31 October 1997 to be determined in consultation with the Department of Education.
- Foreign Test: Any school day within the second and third week of the fourth term after the Home Test and not on the same day as the Home Test. That is, any weekday between 20 October and 31 October 1997, after the Home Test and not on the same day as the Home Test, to be determined in consultation with the Department of Education and Training.

9.2.8 Test administration

- Briefing schools: State responsibility
- Dispatching test papers to schools: State responsibility
- Collecting the test papers: State responsibility
- Administering the tests: State responsibility
- Returning of test papers to State: Principals or delegates
- Returning of test papers to Phase Two research team: State responsibility

9.3 Northern Territory

9.3.1 School level

Year 6 with a small sub-sample of Year 5.

9.3.2 Number of students

(a) Year 6 students: A total of 500 Year 6 students. Using an estimated 25 students per class, the projected number of classes involved will be about 20 Northern Territory government primary schools.

(b) Year 5 students: A total of 200 Year 5 students. Using an estimated 25 students per class, the projected number of classes will involve about 8 Northern Territory government and non-government primary schools.

9.3.3 Nature of the sample

Two simple random samples - one of Year 6 from Northern Territory government primary schools and one of Year 5 students from government and non-government schools, stratified by student ability.

The major sample is from Year 6 students as requested by the Territory during the Phase One consultation, because that is the year level of Territory-wide testing. The minor Year 5 sample of 200 will be used as links within the Territory to the overall sample selected from students in the sixth year of schooling, across States/Territories. Through such intra-Territory links, the equivalences will be maintained.

9.3.4 Selection of the sample

The Northern Territory Department of Education

9.3.5 Selection of test forms

- Home Test: The 1995 urban version of the MAP Test
- Foreign Test: The 1996 version of the LAP test

9.3.6 Test time

- Home Test: No time limit
- Foreign Test: Reading - 40 minutes; writing - 90 minutes

9.3.7 Test dates

- Home Test: Any school day within the second and third week of the fourth school term. That is, any weekday between 20 October and 31 October 1997 to be determined in consultation with the Department of Education.
- Foreign Test: Any school day within the second and third week of the fourth term after the Home Test and not on the same day as the Home Test. That is, any weekday between 20 October and 31 October 1997, after the Home Test and not on the same day as the Home Test, to be determined in consultation with the Department of Education and Training.

9.3.8 Test administration

- Briefing schools: Territory responsibility

- Dispatching test papers to schools: Territory responsibility
- Collecting the test papers: Territory responsibility
- Administering the tests: Territory responsibility
- Returning of test papers to Territory: Principals or delegates
- Returning of test papers to Phase Two research team: Territory responsibility

9.4 Queensland

9.4.1 School level

Year 6

9.4.2 Number of students

A total of 1601 Year 6 students. Using an estimated 25 students per class, the projected number of classes will involve about 64 Queensland government primary schools.

9.4.3 Nature of the sample

A simple random sample of Year 6 students from Queensland Government primary schools, stratified by school size.

9.4.4 Selection of the sample

The Queensland Department of Education

9.4.5 Selection of test forms

- Home Test: 1996 version of NET
- Foreign Test: The 1996 version of the MSE test

9.4.6 Test time

- Home Test: 70 minutes (practice and test); writing - 55 minutes (including 25 minutes discussion)
- Foreign Test. Reading - 75 minutes; writing - 80 minutes (narrative) and/or 80 minutes (letter).

9.4.7 Test dates

- Home Test: Any school day within the second and third week of the fourth school term. That is, any weekday between 20 October and 31 October 1997 to be determined in consultation with the Department of Education.
- Foreign Test: Any school day within the second and third week of the fourth term after the Home Test and not on the same day as the Home Test. That is, any weekday between 20 October and 31 October 1997, after the Home Test and not on the same day as the Home Test, to be determined in consultation with the Department of Education and Training.

9.4.8 Test administration

- Briefing schools: State responsibility
- Dispatching test papers to schools: State responsibility
- Collecting the test papers: State responsibility
- Administering the tests: State responsibility
- Returning of test papers to State: Principals or delegates
- Returning of test papers to Phase Two research team: State responsibility

9.5 South Australia

9.5.1 School level

Year 5

9.5.2 Number of students

A total of 641 Year 5 students. Using an estimated 25 students per class, a total of 26 schools must be recruited for the study.

9.5.3 Nature of the sample

A simple random sampling of South Australian government primary schools

9.5.4 Selection of the sample

The Department of Education, or an authorised officer under its supervision

9.5.5 Selection of test forms

- Home Test: 1996 version of Year 5 BST Aspects of Literacy

- Foreign Test: 1994 version of DART

9.5.6 Test time

- Home Test: No time limit
- Foreign Test: Reading - 75 minutes; writing - 2 hours 40 minutes (including discussion)

9.5.7 Test dates

- Home Test: Any school day within the second and third week of the fourth school term. That is, any weekday between 20 October and 31 October 1997 to be determined in consultation with the Department of Education.
- Foreign Test: Any school day within the second and third week of the fourth term after the Home Test and not on the same day as the Home Test. That is, any weekday between 20 October and 31 October 1997, after the Home Test and not on the same day as the Home Test, to be determined in consultation with the Department of Education and Training.

9.5.8 Test administration

- Briefing schools: State responsibility
- Dispatching test papers to schools: State responsibility
- Collecting the test papers: State responsibility
- Administering the tests: State responsibility
- Returning of test papers to State: Principals or delegates
- Returning of test papers to Phase Two research team: State responsibility

9.6 Tasmania

9.6.1 School level

Year 5

9.6.2 Number of students

A total of 500 Year 5 students. Using an estimated 25 students per class, the projected number of classes will involve about 20 Tasmania government primary schools.

9.6.3 Nature of the sample

A simple random sample of Year 5 students from Tasmanian Government primary schools, stratified by school size.

9.6.4 Selection of the sample

The Tasmanian Department of Education

9.6.5 Selection of test forms

- Home Test: 1994 version of DART
- Foreign Test: 1996 version of LAP

9.6.6 Test time

- Home Test: Reading - 75 minutes; Writing - 2 hours 40 minutes (including discussion)
- Foreign Test: Reading - 45 minutes; writing - 90 minutes

9.6.7 Test dates

- Home Test: Any school day within the second and third week of the fourth school term. That is, any weekday between 20 October and 31 October 1997 to be determined in consultation with the Department of Education.
- Foreign Test: Any school day within the second and third week of the fourth term after the Home Test and not on the same day as the Home Test. That is, any weekday between 20 October and 31 October 1997, after the Home Test and not on the same day as the Home Test, to be determined in consultation with the Department of Education and Training.

9.6.8 Test administration

- Briefing schools: State responsibility
- Dispatching test papers to schools: State responsibility
- Collecting the test papers: State responsibility
- Administering the tests: State responsibility
- Returning of test papers to State: Principals or delegates
- Returning of test papers to Phase Two research team: State responsibility

9.7 Victoria

9.7.1 School level

Year 5

9.7.2 Number of students

1801 students to be sampled to adjust for sampling errors and small population. Using an estimated 25 students per class, a total of 72 schools must be recruited for the study.

9.7.3 Nature of the sample

A simple random sampling of Government primary schools in Victoria

9.7.4 Selection of the sample

The Department of Education, Victoria, or an authorised officer under its supervision

9.7.5 Selection of test forms

- Home Test: 1996 version of LAP
- Foreign Test: 1996 version of NET

9.7.6 Test time

- Home Test: Reading - 45 minutes; writing - 90 minutes
- Foreign Test: Reading - 70 minutes (practice and test); writing - 55 minutes (including 25 minutes discussion)

9.7.7 Test dates

- Home Test: Any school day within the second and third week of the fourth school term. That is, any weekday between 20 October and 31 October 1997 to be determined in consultation with the Department of Education.
- Foreign Test: Any school day within the second and third week of the fourth term after the Home Test and not on the same day as the Home Test. That is, any weekday between 20 October and 31 October 1997, after the Home Test and not on the same day as the Home Test, to be determined in consultation with the Department of Education, Victoria.

9.7.8 Test administration

- Briefing schools: State responsibility
- Dispatching test papers to schools: State responsibility
- Collecting the test papers: State responsibility
- Administering the tests: State responsibility
- Returning of test papers to State: Principals or delegates
- Returning of test papers to Phase Two research team: State responsibility

9.8 Western Australia

9.8.1 School level

Year 6 with a small sub-sample of Year 7

9.8.2 Number of students

(a) a total of 886 Year 6 students. Using an estimated 25 students per class, the projected number of classes will involve about 35 Western Australia government primary schools.

(b) Year 7 students: A total of 200 Year 7 students. Using an estimated 25 students per class, the projected number of classes will involve about 8 Western Australian government primary schools.

9.8.3 Nature of the sample

Two simple random samples - one of Year 6 and one of Year 7 students from Western Australian government primary schools

The major sample is from Year 6 students in line with the year level in other States/Territories. The minor sample of 200 will be from Year 7 students, who are administered the Western Australia state-wide test. Similar to the Northern Territory situation, the two samples are required to establish links with the State for the equivalencing.

9.8.4 Selection of the sample

The Western Australian Department of Education

9.8.5 Selection of test forms

- Home Test: 1996 version of MSE test
- Foreign Test: 1994 version of the DART test

9.8.6 Test time

- Home Test: Reading - 75 minutes; writing - 80 minutes (narrative) and/or 80 minutes (letter)
- Foreign Test: Reading - 75 minutes; writing - 2 hour 40 minutes (including discussion).

9.8.7 Test dates

- Home Test: Any school day within the second and third week of the fourth school term. That is, any weekday between 20 October and 31 October 1997 to be determined in consultation with the Department of Education.
- Foreign Test: Any school day within the second and third week of the fourth term after the Home Test and not on the same day as the Home Test. That is, any weekday between 20 October and 31 October 1997, after the Home Test and not on the same day as the Home Test, to be determined in consultation with the Department of Education and Training.

9.8.8 Test administration

- Briefing schools: State responsibility
- Dispatching test papers to schools: State responsibility
- Collecting the test papers: State responsibility
- Administering the tests: State responsibility
- Returning of test papers to State: Principals or delegates
- Returning of test papers to Phase Two research team: State responsibility