

Information for schools - HNAP Level 2 Entry Tests for HLTA Standard 11

What are the HNAP level 2 entry tests?

These tests have been designed by HNAP to provide evidence that an HLTA candidate is working at an appropriate level to meet the requirements of HLTA Standard 11. The tests do not lead to a qualification. A successful pass in any of the tests will be accepted by HNAP as sufficient evidence of Standard 11 for any individual undertaking HLTA assessment.

Who are the entry tests for?

These tests have been designed for support staff in schools who would like to gain HLTA status but are unable to provide documentary evidence that they have achieved the relevant level 2 qualifications in either maths and/or literacy. They can be used by individuals who have lost their original certificates or by individuals who have never previously gained a level 2 qualification.

How can I be sure that the tests are set at an appropriate level?

The tests have been developed by literacy and numeracy tutors who work in universities who have expertise in developing and using admission tests of this nature. In addition the tests have been agreed by the HLTA Senior Assessors and the HNAP Board as an appropriate for standard 11.

Are these tests a replacement for standard level 2 qualifications offered by schools and other organisations?

HNAP encourage all staff to continually develop their skills and expertise including pursuing qualifications in maths and English. Whilst we will accept the outcomes of these tests as evidence of Standard 11, we still encourage those taking the tests to work towards an actual qualification. Successfully passing these tests will enable individuals to gain HLTA Status, whilst working towards or awaiting an opportunity for, a route to a level 2 qualification that is acknowledged on the National Qualifications Framework.

How are the tests organised?

Each test is a paper-based test and is designed to take around an hour, with a maximum time allowed of 90 minutes. You will need to book into a test centre to arrange the test. Alternatively, it is possible to arrange the test at your own school, provided that written assurances are given by the school's Headteacher that the test was undertaken in exam conditions. HNAP will provide a form for schools to sign that confirms the agreed criteria for exams condition and handling of papers was met.

What are the costs of the tests?

A single test costs £25 per person. Two tests cost £40 per person.

How do I book a test?

In the first instance you will need to contact your local Provider of Preparation (PoP) where you propose to undertake your HLTA preparation or your Regional Provider of Assessment (RPA). Your RPA will be able to direct you to the relevant PoP if you are not sure who this is. Contact details for RPAs can be found on www.hlta.org.uk.