The Ultimate LANTITE Study Guide



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ABOUT US & WHO WE ARE

TheLantiteTest.com was designed and constructed in response to many education students feeling overwhelmed and underprepared for the LANTITE Tests when they were introduced as compulsory in 2016. I had to sit the LANTITE tests myself in 2016 to graduate from my teaching degree and was disappointed by the lack of information and study resources available to students for their success. As a successfully graduated teacher I believe it is only fair for everybody to have the best chance and opportunity to succeed.

After seeing the lack of resources and information continually stress students out I decided to write The Ultimate LANTITE Study Guide.

My goal is to simply give you all of the relevant information about the LANTITE tests and as many helpful hints, tips and pointers along the way so you have the best chance of success.

If you have any suggestions, additions or changes that will help improve the guide then feel free to contact me and let me know.

Thanks, Josh

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ABOUT THE LANTITE TESTS

LANTITE TESTS

The Literacy and Numeracy Test for Initial Education Students (LANTITE) was introduced as a prerequisite for graduating with an education qualification from universities around Australia by the Australian Government in 2015. The Government is concerned with the quality of educational outcomes and quality of teachers within Australian schools. The thought behind introducing such literacy and numeracy testing is that teachers will be of a certain standard (top 30% of the Australian population) upon the completion of their qualifications. It is hoped by holding graduates to these standards, their teaching will be of a certain quality, leading to better educational outcomes in the long term. Having sat the LANTITE Tests ourselves we know how having to do extra tests makes you feel. We are not here to share our opinion on whether they are right or wrong but rather help you to pass them!

WHO NEEDS TO SIT THE LANTITE TESTS?

The LANTITE tests are for ALL initial teacher education students. It is important to recognise that you cannot gain a teaching degree without passing your LANTITE tests. Universities will also have their own policies on this and you should find out what yours says. Ours made us show evidence of completion and passing of the LANTITE tests prior to going on our final practicums/placements/internships. That way they could guarantee that we had passed them so it is a good idea to check the policy and get organised to complete the tests.

You can complete the LANTITE tests at any point during your initial teacher education. You only need to be enrolled in your teaching degree and currently studying it. You do not have to wait until your third or fourth year if you do not want to.

If we were doing ours again, we'd probably just get them done in our first year and sit back and watch everybody else worry and stress about them. But hey, that's just us!

HOW MANY TESTS ARE THERE?

There are TWO tests that make up the LANTITE tests. These are:

- <u>The Literacy Test</u>
- <u>The Numeracy Test</u>

Each of these tests is designed to be able to judge and examine whether or not you are within the top 30% of the Australian population. They each consist of 65 questions structured into different sections and parts. More information on each individual test can be found in the relevant section regarding the specific test you wish to learn about further on in this information guide.

HOW DO I SIT THE LANTITE TESTS?

To sit for your LANTITE tests and complete them you will need to register for them with The Australian council for Educational research (ACER) and select your testing centre location. Tests are available at specific testing centres in certain locations or via remote proctoring using your own computer and then internet.

For more information about sitting your LANTITE tests head down to our <u>Step by Step LANTITE Completion</u> <u>Guide</u>

IS THERE A COST INVOLVED FOR THE TESTS?

Unfortunately, there is a cost involved for the LANTITE tests and unfortunately it cannot be put on your HECS/HELP FEE Debt. Payment must be made up front at the time of registration for the test. The current fees for the tests (as of 2019) are \$98.00 GST Inc. for one test or \$196 GST Inc. for both tests. This fee is paid for each attempt that is made of a test. If you need to sit a test more than once you will need to pay the fee for each attempt of each component of the LANTITE tests. When we sat our tests we were one of the first compulsory groups to require it and the fees felt steep so we understand how you feel about this news. However, you have to complete these tests to become a teacher so you have to pay for them. This is just another reason to utilise this ultimate guide to LANTITE testing to achieve success.

Read this guide, pay the fees, study, find any knowledge gaps, fill those knowledge gaps and pass your LANTITE tests. Sounds like a good game plan to us! You wouldn't want to have to pay those fees more then you had to, now would you? Better keep reading then...

WHAT IS THE PASS MARK FOR THE LANTITE TESTS?

The short answer is there isn't one. According to ACER, each test is made up of different questions of varying degrees of difficulty. This means that each test will have a different pass mark depending on if it had a few harder questions or a few easier questions. If you are worried about passing or failing and wish there was a pass mark, our advice is try not to worry. The longer answer is that you need to achieve a standard in the test that places you in the top 30% of the Australian population. Even if we could tell you what the pass mark was would it help you anyway? It might help you feel better at the end of the test if you fell like you got above it, or it might demotivate you to do any preparation if it was set low. Our theory is just prepare as best you can, try your hardest, do everything you can to achieve success and be patient for your results. There is nothing else that you can do besides being as prepared as possible.

WHAT IF I DO NOT PASS THE TESTS?

The good news...If you pass either the literacy or numeracy component but do not pass the other component you are only required to re-sit the single component again. For example, if you sat both of your LANTITE tests and passed your literacy component but failed your numeracy component you would only have to re-sit your numeracy component again. You do not have to re-sit both components if you have passed one of them.

You have 3 opportunities to pass each of the components of the LANTITE tests. If you do not pass either component of the LANTITE tests after 3 attempts, you will require a letter of formal recommendation from your Higher Education Institute to be able to sit the test again. This policy can be different depending on your university also. It is best to check with them about how this works if necessary.

If you do happen to not pass your LANTITE tests or a component of them both we and ACER recommend discussing with your higher education institute as to how you can improve further and succeed. They are your conferring institution and should be able to support you through this.

THE LITERACY TEST

THE PURPOSE OF THE LITERACY TEST

According to ACER the literacy test is designed to reflect the contexts of which aspiring teachers are likely to exercise personal literacy skills within three contexts:

- Personal and Community
- Schools and Teaching
- Further Education and Professional Learning

All of the questions that are set for the literacy test are designed to fit into one of these contexts according to ACER. What does this mean for you? All the questions are designed to test your literacy skills to make sure that they you can demonstrate you are operating at a level consistent with the top 30% of the population. When you send emails to parents, when you write reports, when you do further study or when you are creating resources your literacy skills are on display and are expected to be of a high level. Thehe test is designed to check and make sure that your literacy skills can do this. Of course, we do all make mistakes and cannot be expected to be perfect all the time, but we also need to try our hardest to be professional as much as possible.

THE STRUCTURE OF THE LITERACY TEST

It is important that you know and understand that **the LANTITE literacy test is a computer based test**. It will be completed by you on a computer whether you are at a test centre or remote proctoring. For more information please see <u>The Step by Step LANTITE Completion Guide</u>.

The literacy test structure consists of the following:

- 65 Questions
- 120 minutes
- Roughly 1.8 minutes per question (1min 40 seconds)
- Questions are either multiple choice or short answer Note: These will be typed so be careful on your spelling and grammar

CONCEPTS COVERED BY THE LITERACY TEST

Approximately **two-thirds of the questions within the literacy test will be based on reading texts**. This section of the test is structured and designed to test you on 3 processes:

- Access and Identify
 - (Comprehension questions that can be found within the text easily)
- Integrate and Interpret
 (Requires higher level skills to interpret and apply understanding to the texts)
- Evaluate and Reflect
 (Requires the highest-level skills to make judgements and assess the texts)

These questions will be structured using an example text that you will be required to read first and answer the questions about the text. We recommend reading the texts in a manner that allows you to understand what the text is talking about and discussing but does not take you too long. You can always go back and reread the text if you are having trouble interpreting the question.

The texts that are used as the stimulus for the reading questions can include the following types:

Procedural

Instructions, recipes, giving the reader a procedure or steps to follow

Regulatory and Technical

For sharing regulations or technical specifications, usually involves lots of jargon E.g. Technical specifications of a computer

Descriptive

Text describing and object, event, character etc. Usually contains lots of adjectives, adverbs, similes, metaphors etc.

Informative

Produced to inform a person about something E.g. Website about Blue whales and facts regarding them **Persuasive**

Attempts to persuade the reader towards a certain position or view E.g. Political propaganda, advertisements etc.

Narrative

Also known as creative writing, these fiction texts are created by authors for entertainment, leisure or educational reason most often E.g. storybooks, novels etc.

Approximately **one-third of the literacy test will be based on your technical skills of writing.** These are all the little rules and ways that writing works and how it is done. This section of the test is structured and designed to assess you on four areas:

- Syntax & Grammar
- Spelling
- Word Usage
- Text Organisation

These questions are where it is important to be very careful of your typing skills and utilise your ability to double check what you have put in as the answer before continuing onto the next question. If you are asked to spell a word or rewrite a sentence, then make sure you double check what you have typed as you may make a typing error by accident even though you know how the word is spelled.

If all these concepts and thoughts are making you a little bit anxious about you LANTITE test don't worry that is perfectly normal. If you are worried that you don't know what some of these words might mean or what the concepts are then head on over to <u>Your LANTITE Test Checklist</u> which we have created just for you to understand your needs better. It includes some of the concepts and skills that you will need in your LANTITE test and enables you to check off those that you feel comfortable with and those that you might want to do some work and revision on.

THE NUMERACY TEST

THE PURPOSE OF THE NUMERACY TEST

According to ACER the literacy test is designed to reflect the contexts of which aspiring teachers are likely to exercise personal numeracy within three contexts:

- Personal and Community
- Schools and Teaching
- Further Education and Professional Learning
- (Source: https://teacheredtest.acer.edu.au/about/test-content)

All the questions that are set for the numeracy test are designed to fit into one of these contexts according to ACER. What does this mean for you? All the questions are designed to test your numeracy skills to make sure that you can demonstrate you are operating at a level consistent with the top 30% of the population. Unlike literacy, your numeracy skills are not as publicly seen by other people. However, it is still important to have a solid numeracy skillset as literacy and numeracy are embedded into all our curriculums across the schooling environment. Other practical applications for teachers can include marking, calculating averages and percentages, determining grades and results as well as analysing learning data of our students over time. These are skills that can aid in our teaching and understanding of our students, so it is important that teachers can interpret and calculate for this reason

THE STRUCTURE OF THE NUMERACY TEST

It is important that you know and understand that **the LANTITE numeracy test is a computer based test containing multiple sections**. It is completed on a computer whether you are at a test centre or remote proctoring. For more information please see <u>The Step by Step LANTITE Completion Guide</u>.

The numeracy test structure consists of the following:

- 65 Questions
- 120 minutes
- Roughly 1.8 minutes per question (1min 40 seconds)
- Questions are either multiple choice or short answer
- There are two sections:
 - Calculator 52 questions (Should take approximately 95mins)
 - Non-Calculator 13 questions (Should take approximately 25mins)
- You <u>CANNOT</u> go back and forth between the two sections. Once you have moved to section 2 you cannot return to section 1 to check your answers.
 Note: Your answers will be typed if they are a short answer so be careful you have typed the correct number in as the answer

CONCEPTS COVERED BY THE NUMERACY TEST

The numeracy test is split into two main sections as stated above (Calculator and non-calculator). This is the main difference between the literacy and numeracy tests. When writing the numeracy test, ACER structures and designs the test around 3 main processes:

- Identifying mathematical information and meaning in activities and texts
- Using and applying mathematical knowledge and problem-solving processes
- Interpreting, evaluating, communicating and representing mathematics

If you are able to complete these 3 processes in regard to numeracy then you have nothing to worry about. If those three points seem confusing and make you anxious then we have good news for you. We found them confusing as well when we were studying for our numeracy tests and confusion means that there is anxiety about the tests. Luckily, ACER also states that there are three content areas covered in the numeracy test which make way more sense.

The three content areas that the test is structured and designed to include are:

- Number and Algebra
- Statistics and Probability
- Measurement and Geometry

These are still generic terms and do cover a large number of concepts in maths, BUT it does give you a good place to start to study and revise. If there are weaknesses in your numeracy skills, then they need to be found and improved upon. That is why we created <u>Your LANTITE Test Checklist</u>. Head on down to see the checklist we created so you can find some of the areas that you might need to revise for.

YOUR LANTITE TEST CHECKLIST

These checklists are not fully comprehensive nor are they designed to be. We have tried to flesh out and explain each concept to the best of our ability for your benefit. However, we do want to acknowledge that we are not English teachers or maths teachers. We understand some these concepts to an extent and our own knowledge does contain some gaps.

Is this a bad thing for you trying to study for your Lantite and learning off us and our experiences? We don't believe so. The best teachers are those who had to wrestle with the concepts that they had to learn themselves. They might not be the smartest, brightest or most knowledgeable teachers but they have a deeper understanding and empathy for their students who are also wrestling and trying to understand the content.

These lists have been written in a checklist style so that it is easy for you to find your knowledge gaps and know what to study and revise to fill those gaps. Once you feel like you have a decent understanding of a concept then tick it off and move onto the next one, simple!

These checklists have been designed so that each concept that can be tested has been addressed in some form. They are not complete as some of the concepts are quite broad in nature and hard to define however, they do cover a range of the knowledge that will help you to have a better chance of success for your Lantite tests.

LITERACY SKILLS

Access and Identify

The skills required for access and identify relate to the general comprehension type questions. For this we mean questions that may involve reading a text and answers are found within the text. If you struggle with understanding what the text is saying (subject and context) you will struggle with the next two required skills so it is important to get a firm grasp of these skills.

- □ High understanding of texts when reading
- □ Large vocabulary and understanding of most words
- □ Can use strategies to gain an understanding of words that I do not understand or have not seen before (E.g. Thinking about similar words, where the word may be derived from, its context in the text and sentence, is it a noun, verb or adjective etc.)
- Can remember the context and subject of the text after reading it and understanding it

Integrate & Interpret

These skills are what I would call medium level thinking skills. (Think Bloom's Taxonomy). These skills do overlap with our access and identify skills somewhat but are typically requiring some more thought on your behalf.

- Discuss and explain the context of the text
- $\hfill\square$ Interpret and explain what the text is about
- □ Identify who the text is written for (target audience)
- □ Identify different elements within the text and how it is written
- □ Identify and explain why the text was written or constructed

Evaluate & Reflect

These are our higher order thinking skills. Here we are taking our understanding of the text and evaluating it or reflecting upon it. For example, instead of just thinking about who the text was written for we are going to start thinking about what techniques the author uses or how we know it is targeting that audience.

- □ Familiar with writing techniques (E.g. Synonyms, similes, metaphors, alliteration, exaggeration, assonance, onomatopoeia and many more)
- □ Can name and identify different types of texts and their features (See list of text types in the Lantite test section above).
- Identify and explain how and or why certain grammatical and literary techniques were used E.g. the author is targeting a child through their use of basic vocabulary, short sentences, rhyming and wordplay within the text.
- Evaluate texts and discern ways of improvement or ways to change them for a different perspective or use

Syntax & Grammar

- □ Can understand the use of the following correctly:
 - Full stop (.)
 - \circ Semi colon (;)
 - \circ $\;$ Apostrophes (') for multiples, singular, ownership and for shortening words
 - Question mark (?)
 - Comma (,)
 - Colon (:)
 - Exclamation mark (!)
 - \circ $\,$ $\,$ Quotation marks (")
 - Capital letters, when and where to use them

Spelling

For this I cannot offer much assistance in the form of a checklist. If spelling is something that you struggle with I would recommend checking out some online resources that discuss different strategies that can be used to workout how to spell words For example sounding it out. I am not too familiar with many others but am aware that there a plenty that could be used so find some that work for you!

Word Usage

Again, this is not an area that can easily be broken down into straight forward concepts to be covered and understood. Word usage depends on the context of the sentence and text most often. The questions surrounding this will usually ask you to choose a word that could fit in a sentence or replace another word in that sentence. I would recommend using deduction to try and work it out to the best of your ability. IF this is your weakness and you have a thorough understanding of everything else, don't worry as this is not a major focus of the tests in my experience.

Text Organisation

This will assess your understanding of how texts are structured and which structure makes the most sense for them. There may be questions with different paragraphs asking you to place them in the best order.

- □ Understand how chronological texts work
- $\hfill\square$ Distinguish between and introduction, body and conclusion of a text
- □ Justify and evaluate why a text has been constructed in a particular order

NUMERACY SKILLS

Numeracy is a lot different to literacy. The concepts tested and assessed here can be easily listed off and ticked when understood. However, they can be quite broad so <u>make sure you have a thorough understanding of</u> them both with and without a calculator and with different numbers and difficulties. Please remember that these lists are not exhaustive but are the concepts that I found useful to understand for success in the Lantite. There are probably more concepts assessed in the tests, but these offer a solid foundation and can easily be used as a study aid.

Number & Algebra

- □ Addition non-calculator
- □ Subtraction non-calculator
- □ Multiplication non-calculator
- □ Division non-calculator
- □ Order of Operations E.g. 4 + 5 + 6 x 2 = 21 NOT 30
- The use of brackets within an equation E.g. $4 \times (5 + 7) = 48 \text{ NOT } 27$
- □ Algebra with and without a calculator E.g. 4 + y = 7 but also more complex equations
- □ Timetables from memory
- Definition of words: factors, factorise, multiple, multiply, divide etc.
- Finding what a large number is divisible by without a calculator (Factors of the number)
 E.g. factors of 150 = 10, 15, 5, 30, 3, 50

Statistics & Probability

- □ Simple probability (One action until it occurs) E.g. chance of rolling a 6 on a dice
- More complex probability (More than one action until it occurs) E.g. pulling a blue marble out of a bag then without putting it back pulling a red marble out of a bag
- □ Calculating percentages E.g percentage on a test when you get 27 out of 30
- □ Calculating percentages E.g. A shirt was \$25 but is now only \$22. What is the discount received?
- □ Calculating percentages E.g. What is 33% of 57?
- □ Changing decimals to percentages and percentages to decimals
- □ Interpretation of graphs and data (Pie charts, bar graphs, line graphs, tabulated data etc.)
- □ Able to create and plot data on a graph

Measurement & Geometry

- □ Types of shapes (Triangles, squares, rectangles, trapezoids, diamonds, rhombus etc.)
- □ Basic angle sums in shapes E.g. Triangle = 180 degrees Square = 360 degrees etc.
- □ Calculating angles in shapes
- Pythagoras Theorem
- Measuring angles
- □ Reading and interpreting clocks both digital and analogue
- □ Calculating the area of shapes
- □ Calculating the perimeter of shapes
- □ Circle related words (diameter, circumference, radius etc.)
- □ Calculating circumference, area, radius and diameter of a circle
- □ Calculate time and speeds E.g. Tom runs at 5 km/h for 45 mins. How far will he travel?
- □ Convert units of measurement E.g. mm to cm to m, km/h to m/s

OUR STEP BY STEP LANTITE COMPLETION GUIDE

This step by step guide is designed to give you the best possible chance of passing your LANTITE test. We know from our own experiences that there is a lot of confusing information out there about the LANTITE tests which is hard to find and hard to understand. I have designed this guide to walk you through the process from start to finish of what you need to know to complete your LANTITE tests from the moment you find out you need to complete them to the moment your get your results. This is all the information that helped me to pass my LANTITE tests so that I could qualify for my teaching qualification.

1. DECIDE WHETHER YOU WILL ATTEND A TEST CENTRE OR USE THE REMOTE PROCTORING OPTION

Before making this decision, it is helpful to know what each method of sitting the test involves

Attending a test centre:

Testing centres are in every major capital city of Australia as well as some regional towns or areas. If you are located near a test centre or are able to travel to one this is your best option in my opinion as it forces, you into an environment with other like-minded people and can help you to focus. A full list of test centres available can be found <u>here.</u>

Remote Proctoring:

Remote proctoring is available for those who cannot attend a test centre. This could be due to isolation or being located overseas. I did not do my test via remote proctoring however, I did have some friends who completed it this way. Remote proctoring involves using your home computer to complete the test whilst under supervision by somebody externally who can watch you through your webcam. This is an ideal solution for those who are a long way from testing centres or cannot make it for certain reasons. You will need to make sure that your computer meets the minimum technical specifications and that you have access to a reliable internet connection. For further information about remote proctoring and all the technical details just head over <u>here.</u>

2. FIND THE DATES FOR THE LANTITE TEST

Once you have decided how you wish to sit your LANTITE test the next step is to find out when they are available and can be sat. ACER make this straight forward and easy usually providing 4 test windows throughout the year a couple of months apart. To see the latest list of available dates head on over <u>here</u>.

Whilst you are there it is important to take note of the **registration opening and closing dates.** These tests can book up quickly at times, so it is important that you register early for the best chance of securing the spot that you want. These registration dates are usually approximately one month prior to the tests occurring.

If you want to be reminded when a registration period is coming up you can sign up for our email reminders

3. REGISTER AND PAY FOR YOUR LANTITE TEST

Once you have figured out when you wish to sit the LANTITE test you will then need to register and pay for the tests. Payment must be made at the time of registration for the tests. You can register for one test or both tests for the same day it is entirely up to you. You cannot register and secure your test place without payment.

Each test costs \$98.00 (GST inclusive.) to sit. So, for both tests it is \$196.

Payment is received by ACER via either Mastercard or Visa credit cards or a debit card. They do not accept cash or personal cheques in any form. Once registered you will receive your confirmation and tax invoice via email which you will have to setup when registering.

It is important to note that you are charged each time that you need to sit a test. For example, if you pass your literacy test but fail your numeracy and need to sit it again you will need to pay \$92.50 to re-sit the numeracy test. It is charged for each attempt of the test.

Refunds can be given out by ACER if you meet certain requirements. You can get a refund of your test fees if you cancel your booking prior to the registration window closing. They will deduct and charge you a small admin fee of \$12 but if your circumstances change and you are unable to make it this is a small price to pay in comparison to the full test fees.

4. STUDY AND REVISE FOR YOUR LANTITE TEST

This is probably one of the most important steps for you to achieve LANTITE success. I like to think of it as a little work to make sure the money that you have to pay for your test is not wasted. You have to do the test, you have to pay for it so may as well try your best to make sure you only have to pay for it once. If you are aiming for test success there are a few things that you need to make sure you know about.

What does effective study look like?

You have probably completed some study for an exam or test before at some point in your life. But was it very effective and did you know what you were doing? What is the purpose of study? Why do we do revision?

The way that I like to think about studying involves three different elements. You should be studying to:

- 1. Figure out what you are not confident with or may not understand fully
- 2. Solidify what you already know and understand
- 3. Research, learn and fill those areas that lack confidence and knowledge

What is the best way to figure out what you do know and what you don't know? This was one of the hardest parts I found when looking at the LANTITE tests. That is why I sat down and wrote this guide to help you.

I would recommend doing two things to discover what you know confidently and what you might not be so confident with.

- 1. Complete practice tests and questions
- 2. Print off our checklist and tick the concepts you find easy

Why these two things? Well, I reckon it is always worth doing a few practice questions and tests to see how you go and to see what you get wrong and right. There may be some concepts that you think you are familiar with but when given a question about it and you need to apply that knowledge in a different way you might find it difficult.

This is not about feeling bad for getting things wrong or being embarrassed, this is about you being honest with yourself to give yourself the best possible chance for success!

Our <u>Lantite Numeracy practice quizzes</u> are perfect for this step as they allow you to practice and find out what areas you may not be as confident in. They contain over 150 questions and are setup to reflect the Lantite test as closely as possible being an online test with an onscreen calculator.

After this step, the checklists are one of the most beneficial tools I have seen for LANTITE studying that help you to break down all the possible concepts and to help you realise your strengths and weaknesses, so you can make them all strengths.

After these two steps all that you need to do is fill in those knowledge gaps. That might mean doing some learning or just revising of concepts you haven't had to use for a while. Either way the most beneficial thing that you can do is be honest with yourself as to what you are certain of and what you are a little nervous about seeing in your test.

In <u>this study guide</u> is a list of the best resources we discovered when studying for our LANTITE test. They can be used for studying revision, practice tests and more so that you don't even have to spend time looking for the information that you need for your revision.

Our last recommendation for your study and revision is to familiarise yourself with the layout of the tests. ACER uses an online method to deliver the tests meaning that all reading and answers are completed on a computer. You can have some working out paper for the numeracy test but you will have access to an onscreen calculator to use when allowed. They do provide practice questions on their website in the format that the LANTITE test will be carried out in so that you can familiarise yourself with the layout as well as reading and answering questions on a computer. These can be found <u>here.</u>

5. SIT YOUR LANTITE TEST

Now is the time for you to put all your hard work to the test (literally!). Now there are a few things that I think you need to know that are important to discuss in terms of preparation, planning and test taking strategies to give you the best chance of success.

Before you attend your test, my advice is you do some preparation and planning.

- Make sure you know how to get to the testing centre
- Make sure you know where there is parking or where public transport stops
- Allow yourself plenty of time to arrive on time (or slightly early)
- Make sure you have everything that you will need or wish to have for your tests packed in advance and ready to take

All of this planning is designed to make the day of your LANTITE tests as easy and as stress free as possible. You will want to have a clear mind when attending tests. You do not want to be rushing or scrambling for items as this will make you flustered and anxious towards your tests which can impact upon your thinking processes.

What do you need to take with you?

On the day of the test you MUST make sure that you take two items with you:

1. Your admission ticket

This can be brought either electronically or in paper form. It can be found in your <u>candidate login</u> on the ACER website where you booked your LANTITE test.

2. Photo Identification

Please note that ACER states it will only accept the following ID: Passport, Driver's licence, Australian Keypass or Australian Proof of age card. You cannot use your university ID or any other form of ID and it must be in date and current.

What are you allowed to take with you?

The only other item that you are permitted to have with you for the tests is a bottle of water. I would highly recommend you do take a bottle of water to stay hydrated and to sip throughout the test. This is especially important if you are sitting both LANTITE tests on the same day.

Test taking strategies

When taking any test, it is important to try and follow a few strategies to help yourself be successful. These can vary person to person as well as test to test. Because of this I wanted to share a few pointers that I have found helpful especially for the LANTITE Test.

Anxiety

Some people suffer from anxiety when it comes to testing and exams. This is a perfectly natural response. However, it can impact on your testing performance and needs to be limited as much as possible. The best news is by reading this guide you are already setting yourself up for success as you have all the information regarding the tests that you could ever ask for. Knowing what you will experience for the test and restricting unknowns should help assist with this.

Breathe

Try not to get too caught up in the test by answering question after question because you are worried about not finishing. If you find yourself worried, take a deep breath and a moment to pause. Calm yourself down and then continue.

• Timing

Each test consists of 65 questions to be answered in 120 minutes. That is 1.8 minutes roughly per question. That is heaps of time so there is no need to stress. However, sometimes in tests you can lose your sense of timing. It is a good idea to establish checkpoints for yourself to see how you are tracking. For example. At the 33rd question (Halfway), check the clock and see how much time you have left. You may find you have lots or you might need to answer a little bit quicker. Either way this will help you to stay on track.

Questions

There are two main types of questions: selected response (think multiple choice) and short answer (you might have to type in a word or number). These styles of questions do not take a long time to answer. However, you do need to be aware that on a computer it is easy to make mistakes typing and clicking so be careful and double check your answers each time before clicking to the next question.

Numeracy sections

Be aware that the numeracy test has 2 sections. You cannot go back and forth between the sections. Once you have completed the first section it is locked and complete and cannot be accessed again to check your answers.

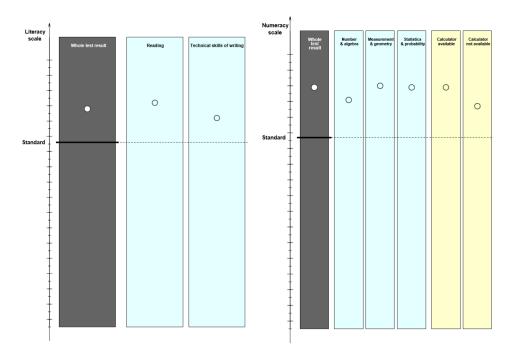
• Familiarise yourself with the test and layout

ACER provides practice questions with the same onscreen layout and calculator. We highly recommend practicing with these questions to familiarise yourself with what you will see on the screen on the test days. These can be found in the <u>candidate login</u>.

6. GET YOUR TEST RESULTS

YAY! The fun and scary part. You should receive **your results approximately one month** after you sit your test. You will get an email notifying you that your results are ready and will need to login to the ACER website for the final time (hopefully) and view your results.

Interpreting your results is relatively straight forward. They will appear in columns with a dot indicating your performance in each category and a line showing the cut off for the required standard exactly like those seen below.



If you have received the bad news that you did not pass the good news is that you are armed with the perfect study guide and companion showing you exactly which sections you need to work on and improve your skills and understanding of.

If you are worried and tried to do it on your own but didn't quite manage to pass, don't be disheartened. You will need to evaluate where you went wrong and where you need to improve then simply work on fixing those areas. Your results tell you exactly which areas need some work and the study checklists and study resources in <u>our study guide</u> can help to guide you through this process as well.

OUR FAVOURITE RESOURCES

Free Resources

ACER Website https://teacheredtest.acer.edu.au/prepare/practice-material

ABC Online article with interactive questions http://www.abc.net.au/news/2015-12-01/literacy-numeracy-teachers-test-quiz/6991246

Interactive questions – Deakin University http://this.deakin.edu.au/study/can-you-pass-this-literacy-and-numeracy-test

NAPLAN example questions (Look at the Yr 7 & 9 examples and tests) http://nap.edu.au/naplan/the-tests

Our Facebook group for support and asking questions

https://www.facebook.com/groups/Lantitetesthelp/

Facebook support group for questions and answers (Not run by us or affiliated with us)

https://www.facebook.com/groups/949153258438375/

Paid Resources

Lantite Test Help – Numeracy Practice Quizzes

Online interactive quizzes with onscreen calculator like the Lantite test. Quizzes randomly select questions from a large group, so no two tests are the same allowing for lots of practice without it being repetitive. Contains separate quizzes for calculator and non-calculator questions to give you options to practice one or the other more if needed.

https://thelantitetest.com/numeracy-practice/

Lantite test support offers practice tests and online tutoring

https://www.lantitenumeracy.com/

Strive for excellence online numeracy practice tests

https://striveforexcellence.com.au/product/literacy-and-numeracy-practice-tests-for-initial-teachereducation-students/

Cambridge Lantite Test Edge online numeracy and literacy practice tests

https://lantite.edjin.com/