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## Key stage 2

### Publication: how to become a marker

We've updated the information on [GOV.UK](#) as we are now recruiting markers for the 2018 key stage 2 (KS2) English reading, English grammar, punctuation and spelling and mathematics tests.

Markers are recruited by Pearson, our external marking supplier. If you haven't marked KS2 tests before, visit their [vacancies page](#) for role requirements and application details.

If you have any questions about the recruitment process, contact Pearson's national curriculum tests helpdesk on 0300 303 1270.

## Primary assessment

### Publication: primary assessment webinars now available to download

KS1 and KS2 webinars on the 2018 national curriculum tests and assessments are now available to watch on [STA's media and training site](#). We'll be providing written summaries of the questions and discussions shortly.

Both webinars were broadcast live on 8 November. Our panel of experts

answered a range of questions about the 2018 national curriculum tests and assessments. Thanks to all those who submitted questions before and during the live broadcast.

Please use the rating system available alongside the recordings to provide feedback to inform future webinars.

## **Reminder: place KS1 and KS2 test orders on NCA tools, if required, by 24 November**

The 'Test orders' section of [NCA tools](#) is open until Friday 24 November.

It is important that you read the information that applies to your type of school(s) below.

### **Maintained schools, academies and free school**

Maintained schools, academies and free schools do not need to place orders for standard versions of the tests.

If you require modified versions of the tests, you need to order these on [NCA tools](#) by Friday 24 November.

You can contact STA's modified test agency on 0300 303 3019 or use practice materials to help inform decisions about which tests are suitable for your pupils.

If all pupils are working below the standard of the KS1 tests and/or phonics screening check, you should confirm zero test orders on NCA tools by Friday 24 November.

### **Special schools, pupil referral units (PRUs), hospital schools and secure units**

Special schools, PRUs, hospital schools and secure units should confirm zero test orders on [NCA tools](#) by Friday 24 November, if all pupils are working below the standard of the KS1 and/or KS2 tests.

If you do not confirm zero test orders, STA will assume that your pupils are taking the tests and will send test materials accordingly.

### **Independent schools**

Independent schools that are taking part in the 2018 national curriculum tests must place orders for both standard and modified tests on [NCA tools](#), and issue privacy notices to parents, by Friday 24 November.

If you order KS2 tests, you must also register pupils on NCA tools between 19 February and 16 March 2018. We will send reminder emails nearer the time.

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