

Phonics checks

2025 timeline for teachers

Teacher activity

Start of the year

Teachers familiarise themselves with the phonics checks and related resources

Start of each term

Teachers plan for their term identifying which children will do the check and when

At check times

Teachers carry out a phonics check with their children at 20 and 40 weeks. The school uploads the results.

After each check

Teachers analyse and respond to the results with future teaching and learning

End of term

Teachers analyse the collated results in their school's summary report for insights

Supporting materials

The school guidance handbook and assessment materials are available on [Tāhūrangi Phonics checks - Guidance for schools](#)

Assessment materials for each term will be available a week before the start of term on [Tāhūrangi Phonics Checks - Assessment materials](#)

Marking sheets and instructions for uploading results to the Ministry can be found on [Tāhūrangi Phonics Checks - Assessment materials](#)

The school guidance handbook and assessment materials on Tāhūrangi support teachers to analyse results and plan next steps

The Ministry provides schools with phonics checks summary reports to support school-wide planning for literacy teaching and learning

Professional learning and development

Training for the Phonics Checks will be delivered online through a professional learning module, accessed through www.training.education.govt.nz



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