Privacy Statement: PaCT (Progress and Consistency Tool)

What this document tells you

The purpose of this privacy statement is to explain to teachers, learners, parents, and caregivers what personal information PaCT collects and why, what schools and the Ministry use it for, and how they look after it.

What personal information is collected?

PaCT collects the following:

- Student identity information (full name, National Student Number (NSN), date of birth, gender, ethnicity)
- Student school information (year level, name of school/s)
- Student assessment information, including teacher judgements
- Teacher identity information (full name, contact details, role in school)

Why we collect your personal information

PaCT is used by teachers to:

- assess and track student achievement in reading, writing and mathematics to support them to make more consistent and reliable judgments of students' progress against the New Zealand Curriculum (2007) and Learning Progression Frameworks.
- assist schools in meeting their obligations to report progress to parents, communities, and the Ministry of Education.

How does PaCT collect personal information?

Student identity, demographic and school information is collected via -

- the School's Student Management System or
- the Ministry of Education's ENROL database.

Teacher judgments on student's progress are directly inputted into PaCT by teachers.

How does PaCT keep personal information safe?

The PaCT system is hosted by the Catalyst.Net Ltd and is subject to Ministry security assessments and controls to ensure information is protected. Access to personal information is subject to a user having an approved authorised login. Only authorised users can access PaCT information. Use of PaCT is subject to Conditions of Use.

Who we share your information with

Within schools
Only teachers and principals with authorised access can log in to PaCT and view personal information held within it.

Between schools
When a student transfers to a new school, information in the PaCT system about that student will become available to authorised users in their new school if that school also uses PaCT. This allows the new school to better understand the student's progress. The student's former school will be unable to access information on the student once they have left.

Schools using PaCT can enable Kāhui Ako to share anonymised academic information with other schools that also use PaCT.

Reporting purposes
Information in PaCT may be used in student reports and be shared with parents to report on student progress. Cohort reports may be made and shared with community groups such as Kāhui Ako, the Ministry of Education or other stakeholders, but will not include identifiable information about individual teachers or students.

Within the Ministry of Education
The Ministry of Education may also be able to view personal information if a school has requested support on a technical issue.

Information in the PaCT system may be accessed for research and statistical purposes. In such instances privacy safeguards will be applied, so that no individual students or teachers will be identified or identifiable in any published reports without their written consent.

How long will PaCT keep personal information?

Student and teacher personal information is retained in PaCT until all operational/administrative actions and reporting actions have been completed by the last attended school.

Data extracted from PaCT by the Ministry is retained until no longer required for research or analysis.

Access and correction rights under the Privacy Act 2020

You have the right to request access to information PaCT holds about you and to request correction of that information. To request your information, contact your school in the first instance. If you are no longer enrolled at or employed by a school, contact the Education Service Desk on 0800 225 5428 or service.desk@education.govt.nz