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Ministry of Education

Single sign-in for students

Information for schools

The Ministry's **Learner Identity Broker** service enables students to use their Google or Microsoft account to access approved applications.

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About the service

Schools use lots of different online tools for teaching and learning. But remembering multiple usernames and passwords to access them can create unnecessary complexity, fatigue and reduced productivity.

The Ministry's single sign-in service for students, also known as the Learner Identity Broker (LIB), simplifies the set-up and ongoing management of student logins to education applications and tools.

Students use their school Google or Microsoft account to access approved applications. An LIB connection means schools won't need to set up Google and Microsoft access for every application or tool they connect to.

LIB is funded and managed by the Ministry and is being offered to all schools.

Connecting is optional but recommended. Schools that connect now won't need to repeat the technical set-up each time a new application is added to the service.

Benefits of the service

Single sign-in service for students (LIB)	
• No disruption for students and staff during set-up.	• Students use one familiar account instead of multiple usernames and passwords.
• Funded and managed by the Ministry – no ongoing licensing, management or support costs for schools.	• Schools have a more consistent and secure sign-in process.
• No software to install in the school environment.	• Teachers spend less time resolving login and password problems.
• Schools experience additional benefits as other products are integrated with LIB.	• Reduced access barriers for students when changing classes, devices or schools.
• Connecting is optional.	• Schools are ready to use future applications connected to the service.

How it works

Instead of multiple accounts for each application a school is connected to, LIB enables a single log-in for every student to access all of them.

Currently, each time a school introduces a third party product to their network, their IT service provider has to set up single sign-on access for that product for every student.

But as more products integrate with LIB, and more schools connect to it, there's no need for schools to connect to individual products directly – and because the Ministry has already vetted it, schools using LIB can be confident each product is secure.

It does this by validating that a student signing in to a school account is legitimate. The school's Google or Microsoft account informs LIB that the access attempt is from a valid student. It then informs the application that it's a valid access request.

Additional information is often needed to verify which students can access which application. Te Rito is the technology used by the Ministry to verify identity using a student's NSN as the unique identifier. For LIB to work, schools must be connected to Te Rito.

How it works with other applications

Schools connecting now won't need to repeat the technical set-up each time new applications are integrated with LIB.

The following integrations will be available in 2027:*

- **SMART**: (Student Monitoring, Assessment and Reporting Tool) – an assessment tool for teachers and parents providing clear, consistent information about how a student is progressing.
- **SCRIBO**: an AI-supported writing assistance tool for students.

Supporting services:

- **Te Rito**: supports authentication enabling student access to connected applications.
- **Education Sector Logon** (ESL): enables teacher access to connected applications.

* Integrations are prioritised based on educational value, strategic alignment and demand.

How to connect

The initial set-up takes about 10-15 minutes:

1. Sign up at Register for single sign-in
2. Your IT service provider will be sent the Google or Microsoft 365 set-up guide
3. Connect your SMS to Te Rito using the instructions at terito.govt.nz
4. Your school can use connected applications as they become available.*

* All new applications integrated with LIB will be communicated to schools through the standard Ministry channels.

Support

For **Learner Identity Broker** support:

Contact your IT service provider, or:

Phone: 0800 422 599

Email: lib@education.govt.nz

See: education.govt.nz/learner-identity-broker

For **Te Rito** support:

Email: terito@education.govt.nz

See: terito.govt.nz

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