

## REGISTERING FOR HOME EDUCATION IN WA

The first step to getting started on your home education journey is to register as for home education with the Department of Education and Training WA. By law, children of compulsory school age must either be enrolled in a school or registered for home education.

### Steps to Registering for Home Education in WA

1. To register as a home educator, the Department of Education and Training requires you to complete and lodge a form, which is available from your **local District Education Office**. You can find the contact number for your District Education Office on the Education Department here: [www.education.wa.edu.au/organisation/contact](http://www.education.wa.edu.au/organisation/contact)

Simply ask for a form to register for home education and they will send you one. Complete the information and send it back, or visit the office and lodge your form there.

In some situations, when you call to request a registration form you may also speak to an Education Department staff member about home education. This may depend on whether someone is available when you call and on the district you are in.

2. Your application for registration is to be made by the last Friday in February in the first year of registration, **OR** within fourteen (14) days of the last day on which the child was recorded as attending a school.

As soon as you have submitted your application, you can commence home educating. You don't have to wait for your Certificate of Registration to arrive. Applications to home educate are not denied unless there is some legal issue involved such as a custody issue.

3. When your application for registration has been processed you will receive your Certificate of Registration. Your registration lasts until your child finishes their compulsory period of education unless it is cancelled by the home educator.
4. Registration is available to all Permanent Residents or Citizens of Australia and New Zealand, however if your child has been registered in the school system, you are then eligible to apply for registration as a home educator, regardless of your residency status.
5. Once you have registered for home education, your Education Department District Office will assign you a moderator. Moderators are appointed by Regional Executive Directors to monitor the educational program being provided to each child.

Moderators prepare an evaluation report for the Regional Executive Director about the program and the child's progress based on evidence provided by home educators who are provided with a copy of the report.

You will receive an initial visit from your moderator usually within the first three months of your registration.

After your initial visit, providing you are meeting the home education requirements, you have a moderator visit once a year. In some districts, moderators will visit twice within your first year of home education.

6. Consider joining Home Education WA (HEWA). HEWA is WA's peak body for home education. HEWA is a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to supporting home-educators in Western Australia.

Joining HEWA provides you with many benefits and helps support our home education advocacy work. You can find more information about HEWA on our website: [www.hewa.wa.edu.au](http://www.hewa.wa.edu.au)

### Need More Information?

HEWA's website has loads more information on all aspects of home education, along with books, workshops and our mentoring program.

Check out our website here: [www.hewa.wa.edu.au](http://www.hewa.wa.edu.au) or email: [admin@hbln.org.au](mailto:admin@hbln.org.au)

