



# A Guide to Homeschooling in Queensland

## Printable Series

Homeschooling in Queensland, offers a flexible educational alternative for families who wish to tailor education to their children's specific needs, interests, or circumstances. Here's an overview:

### Registration

- **Legal Requirement:** Homeschooling is a legally recognised alternative to traditional schooling in Queensland. Children aged 6.5 to 16 must be registered with the Home Education Unit (HEU) of the Queensland Department of Education. Optional registration is available from the year your child turns 5.5.
- **Application Process:**
  - **Temporary Registration:** If you need to remove your child from school urgently, you can apply for provisional registration, which gives you 60 days to submit your full educational plan.
  - **Continuous Registration:** Requires an educational plan that aligns with the Australian National Curriculum, especially for ages Prep. to Year 10, and a senior school syllabus for Years 11 and 12.

### Curriculum

- **Flexibility:** You are not strictly required to follow the Australian National Curriculum, but your educational plan must ensure a high-quality education. You can design your own curriculum or use pre-existing programs.
- **Support and Resources:** Various organisations, like the Home Education Association Australia (HEA), offer support for planning and reporting. Online platforms and homeschooling communities provide curriculum ideas, resources, and support.

### Support Systems

- **Work Experience:** Homeschooled children can apply for work experience through the HEU, which includes insurance coverage for workplace learning.
- **Financial Support:** Eligible families can receive the Textbook and Resource Allowance for students from Year 7 to 12, and there are other financial aids like the Fair Play Sports Voucher.

### Challenges and Considerations

- **Legislation Changes:** There have been recent changes requiring alignment with the Australian Curriculum, which might limit some of the flexibility traditionally associated with homeschooling.





- **Socialisation:** Homeschooling parents often need to actively plan for social interactions, which might include joining homeschool groups, co-ops, or participating in community activities.
- **Time and Effort:** Creating an educational plan, managing daily learning, and reporting can be time-consuming for parents.

## Opportunities

- **Personalised Learning:** Homeschooling allows education tailored to a child's pace, interests, and learning style, which can lead to a more engaging and effective educational experience.
- **Community and Networking:** There's a growing community of homeschoolers in Queensland, offering support, shared resources, and social opportunities.









## Further Steps

- **Research:** Look into local homeschooling groups or online communities for shared experiences and advice.
- **Plan:** Develop a comprehensive educational plan that addresses all learning areas, aligns with state standards where necessary, and reflects your child's educational needs.
- **Contact:** Reach out to the Home Education Association for specific inquiries or visit their website for the latest information on registering for home education.

## Conclusion

Homeschooling in Queensland is supported by a framework that aims to ensure educational quality while allowing for significant parental choice and involvement in education. Remember, the choice to homeschool should be one where both the educational and social needs of the child are met effectively.

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