



Queensland Home Education: Fact Sheet

What is home education?

In Queensland, parents can choose an educational option that best suits their child’s needs – whether state or non-state schooling, distance education, or home education. When parents choose home education, they provide high-quality education tailored to their child’s learning needs and interests at home. With both [home education](#) and [distance education](#), children learn at home, but with some key differences:

Area	Home Education	Distance Education
<i>Who is responsible for learning?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents are responsible for their child’s education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The school is responsible for a child’s education
<i>Who designs the curriculum and learning activities?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approach is developed by parents Learning activities are chosen, designed, and managed by parents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follows the Australian Curriculum Teachers design learning activities Parents provide support
<i>Who does the teaching?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents design and facilitate activities and report on progress Parents may work with a registered teacher who delivers lessons 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School teachers deliver lessons and assess progress Parents provide support at home for some activities
<i>Do I enrol or register my child?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children are registered with Queensland Home Education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children are enrolled in a school of distance education
<i>Flexibility</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flexible schedule tailored to the child’s educational needs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follows a structured timetable with teacher-delivered online lessons

Who can register?

You can register your child for home education if they are between 5-and-a-half years old and 18 years old by 31 December this year and they aren’t enrolled at a state or a non-state school. Your child needs to be living in Queensland and you need to be your child’s parent or legal guardian.

Registering for home education

To get started, you'll need to register your child and prepare an educational program that meets your child's needs. You may also work with a registered teacher to help design and deliver your child's program.

1. If your child is enrolled at a school, tell the school you are ending their enrolment to register for home education. You can include [QHE's email](#), so the school can confirm registration with QHE.
2. Prepare your supporting documents. This might include copies of your child's birth certificate, Medicare card, any Court Orders, and a summary of your child's educational program.
3. Complete an online or paper-based registration form, attaching your supporting documents.
4. Submit the application form, either through the online platform, by email or post.

Once you have applied for home education registration, you can start learning at home.

Creating your educational program

Your child's educational program is an overview of the kinds of high-quality educational activities you will do at home during the year to support your child to learn and develop. It should include how you will note their progress over the year. QHE provides some [optional templates](#) to help you get started.

Reporting

Each year, to continue your child's registration, you'll submit a written report on their educational progress using QHE's reporting form (available online or in paper format). Many parents find that reporting is a chance to reflect on the previous year's learning, celebrate achievements, and plan for next year. QHE provides some [optional reporting templates](#), such as the 'Year in Review' to help guide you in this process.

Senior secondary learners

For children in the senior phase of learning, parents have flexibility to design a senior secondary pathway that works best for their child. QHE can support pathways to further education, trades and training and employment, such as school-based apprenticeships or traineeships, including enrolment in TAFE at School courses, and work experience programs. For more details, visit [Senior secondary pathways](#) on the QHE website.

Contacting Queensland Home Education

Queensland Home Education is here to support you if you have any questions or need guidance.

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