

SA Home Education Application Checklist

Everything you need to apply for a home education exemption — on one page.

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Step 1 — Understand SA's system (it's different!)

- ☐ **SA uses an exemption, not registration** — your child stays ENROLLED at a school and is exempted from attending
- ☐ **Never cancel the enrolment** — mark the enrolment form “for home educating purposes only”
- ☐ **Start by emailing** Education.HomeEducation@sa.gov.au to be sent the application form

Step 2 — Gather documents & consents

- ☐ **Birth certificate** for your child
- ☐ **Consent from ALL parents** with parental responsibility — a missing second signature is the classic delay
- ☐ **Court orders or parenting plans** if applicable

Step 3 — Write the 12-month learning program

- ☐ **All 8 learning areas** with topics, activities and skills for each
- ☐ **3 learning goals** per child
- ☐ **Specific resources per area** — textbooks, online programs, tutors, memberships
- ☐ **Socialisation plan** — clubs, classes, community events, library, volunteering
- ☐ **Learning environment** — routine, supervision, space and setup

Step 4 — The home visit & staying approved

- ☐ **Home visit in weeks 2–4** — your child must be present and able to chat; have resources on display
- ☐ **Decision in roughly 2–5 weeks** — principals can grant a temporary exemption (up to 1 month) while you wait
- ☐ **Exemptions usually last 12 months** — submit your review BEFORE expiry or it lapses within 7 days
- ☐ **At review, lead with** literacy and numeracy evidence — workbooks, portfolios, journals, projects

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