

WA Home Education Registration Checklist

Everything you need to register with the Department of Education — on one page.

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Step 1 — Apply through your Education Regional Office

- ☐ **Phone your local regional office** — not head office — and request the registration form
- ☐ **Attach a copy** of each child's birth certificate, plus any court orders
- ☐ **Outline your proposed program** on the form — the detail is assessed at the first visit, not now
- ☐ **Timing:** apply by the last Friday in February, or within 14 days of your child's last day at school

Tell the school principal you're withdrawing — then you can start home educating straight away.

Step 2 — Start immediately (yes, really)

- ☐ **No waiting for approval** — in WA you may begin home educating as soon as the application is lodged
- ☐ **One parent registers** as the home educator for each child

Step 3 — The first moderator visit (within 3 months)

- ☐ **It's YOUR job to arrange it** — if no moderator contacts you within 3 months, chase the Department
- ☐ **Have ready:** your educational plan aligned to the WA Curriculum, work samples, and your learning space
- ☐ **Any approach is fine** — natural learning to structured — as long as progress can be shown
- ☐ **Meetings run 1–2 hours** — you can request a venue other than home, or meet without your child first

Step 4 — Ongoing (start these habits on day one)

- ☐ **Annual moderator evaluation** — they check progress, your plan, and the learning environment
- ☐ **Everything counts as learning** — log books, games, excursions, websites, photos, not just worksheets
- ☐ **Registration doesn't expire** — it runs until the end of compulsory age unless cancelled or you leave WA
- ☐ **Moving house?** Notify the Department — a new region means a new regional office and moderator

Feeling overwhelmed by the planning and reporting part?

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