Home education across Australia

Every state and territory runs its own registration. This page points you to each official page so you always use the current forms. Queensland has its own detailed guide in this pack; step-by-step guides for other states are coming.

State	Who registers you	Key points (from the official page)
NSW	NSW Department of Education (Home Schooling) Official page ↗	Children must be registered by the Department and live in NSW. New registration policy was consulted on in 2026; current guidelines apply until it is finalised.
VIC	Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority (VRQA) Official page ↗	Register with the VRQA and submit a proposed learning plan; you must be approved before home schooling. VRQA: vrqa.vic.gov.au/home-schooling.
QLD	Queensland Home Education (Department of Education) Official page ↗	See the separate Queensland guide in this pack.
SA	Department for Education (home education exemption) Official page ↗	Covers compulsory school years (6 to 17). Start by filling out the initial request form; a Guide to home education (PDF) is on the page.
WA	Department of Education (local education regional office) Official page ↗	Register within 14 days of leaving a WA school, or by the last Friday in February for the start of a school year. Get the form from your regional office.
TAS	Office of the Education Registrar (OER) Official page ↗	Application form plus a Home Education Program (HEP) for new registrations, or a Home Education Summary and Program (HESP) for renewals — one per child.
ACT	ACT Education Directorate — Home Education team Official page ↗	Online application with certified copies (e.g. birth certificate, proof you live in the ACT). Registration lasts up to 2 years; decision within 28 days of a complete application.
NT	Department of Education and Training (NT) Official page ↗	Apply online via Territory Services; approval is for one school year. Your child stays enrolled at school until the program is approved. For 2027, the page asks families continuing to reapply by 27 Nov 2026.

All links and points checked on 25 November 2026. Some government sites block automated checks; open the link in your browser if one doesn't load.

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