



Department of
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1. Policy statement

The Department of Education manages the registration of home educators, the evaluation of home education programs and children's educational progress in accordance with the School Education Act 1999.

2. Policy rules

Directors of education must:

- manage the registration of home educators
- take action where there is a concern recorded in accordance with the Home Education Procedures.

Home education moderators must:

- evaluate home educators' programs and children's educational progress
- communicate relevant information to parents and their regional executive director.

3. Responsibility for implementation and compliance

Home education moderators, coordinator regional services, coordinator regional operations and directors of education are responsible for implementation of the policy.

Line managers are responsible for compliance monitoring.

4. Scope

This policy applies to directors of education, coordinator regional services, coordinator regional operations and home education moderators.

5. Supporting procedures

Home Education Procedures

6. Definitions

Compulsory education period

The compulsory education period is from the beginning of year in which the child reaches the age of 5-years-and-6-months, until:

- the end of the year in which the child reaches the age of 17-years-and-6-months
- the child reaches the age of 18-years
- If a child satisfies the minimum requirements for graduation from secondary school established under the *School Curriculum and Standards Authority Act 1997* before the end of the compulsory education period.

whichever happens first.

Educational program

An organised set of learning activities designed to enable a child to develop knowledge, understanding, skills and attitudes relevant to the child's individual needs.

Home educator

A parent registered under section 48 of the *School Education Act 1999 (WA)*.

Home education moderator

A person appointed by the director of education to evaluate and report on home education programs and progress

Parent

In relation to a child, a person who at law has responsibility for the long term care, welfare and development of the child, or the day-to-day care, welfare and development of the child.

7. Related documents

Relevant legislation or authority

[Interpretation Act 1984 \(WA\)](#)

[School Curriculum and Standards Authority Act 1997 \(WA\)](#)

[School Education Act 1999 \(WA\)](#)

Related Department documents

[Child Protection in Department of Education Sites policy](#)

[Complaints and Notifications policy](#)

[Enrolment in Public Schools policy](#)

[Staff Conduct and Discipline policy](#)

Other documents

[Home Education Advisory Panel Guidelines](#)

8. Contact information

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9. History of changes

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Notes	Policy has undergone major review. Policy and Procedures endorsed by DG on 27 June 2014.
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Notes	Contact details updated D14/0388147
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Policy version no.	3.2
Notes	Contact details updated D15/0057184
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Last update date	23 March 2015
Policy version no.	3.3
Notes	Contact information updated to reflect change in position from Director, Office of the Director General to Executive Director, Organisational Governance. D15/0085666
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Policy version no.	3.4
Notes	Updated contact information D15/0260244

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Notes	Updated contact information D17/0326700
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10. More information

Supporting content

Procedure

[Home Education Procedures](#)

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