



Tasmanian Home Education Advisory Council [THEAC]

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INFORMATION ON HOME EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Thank you for your recent query about home education in Tasmania. Home education is a legal option in Tasmania as long as you are registered with THEAC.

Home education occurs when the parents/guardians take responsibility for their child/ren's education, primarily from the home base. This requires a commitment by the parents/guardians.

It is your responsibility to:

- * devise - determine what programme/material/resources/curriculum you intend using;
- * implement - obtain materials and put a programme in place;
- * evaluate - change the programme to suit child's changing needs.

THEAC's role is to undertake monitoring visits with you to look at the programme that you have put in place for your child/ren. THEAC will then make a recommendation to the Minister for Education with regard to your registration status and the length of your registration period.

Legal requirements:

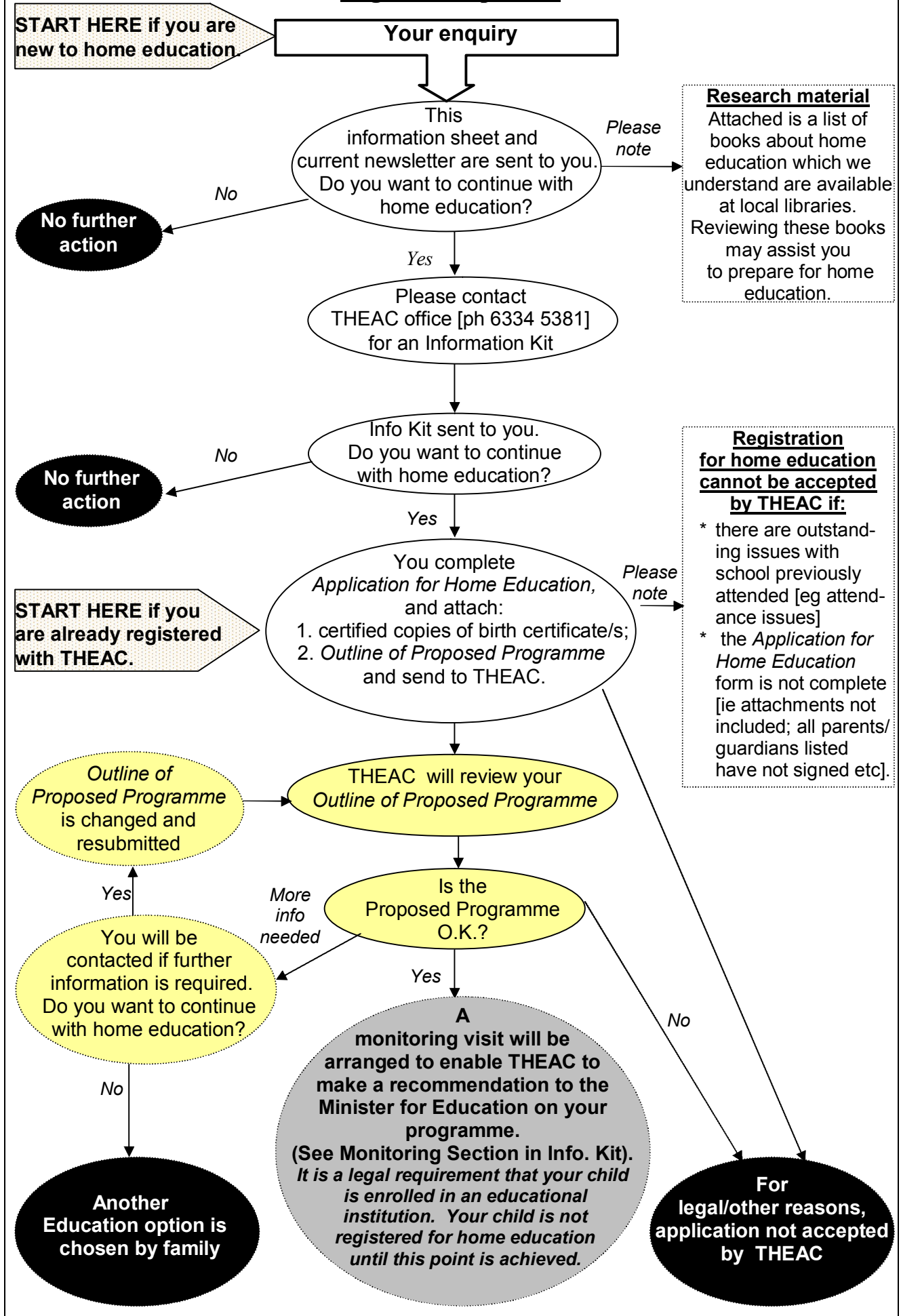
- * Age for registration: 5 years old as at 1st January up until a child turns 16 years of age [unless the child is already in an ongoing home education programme where you may request an extension to 18 years of age].
- * Part time school enrolment and part time registration with THEAC is not a legal option in Tasmania.
- Minimum registration period: equivalent of one school term.

Please find attached:

- P2 - Registration Process
- P3 - Books on home education available at the Tasmanian State Library
- P4 - Some other options for teaching your child/ren at home.

To register for home education, please follow the steps in the 'Registration Process' on page 2. Council wish you well as you review this information and decide if home education is for you.

Registration process



Resources on home education available at the Tasmanian State Library

As at 1/10/2007 [TALIS Website]

Educating Children at Home – Alan Thomas

Educating Your Child at Home – Jane Lowe

Free Range Education: How Home Education Works – Terry Dowty

Fundamentals of Home-schooling – Anne Lahrson-Fisher

Home Education: Australian International Edition – John Peacock

Home Education in Tasmania: Report from the Ministerial Working Party on Home Education

Homeschooling from Scratch: Simple Living, Super Learning – Mary Potter Kenyon

The Homeschooling Handbook: From Preschool to High School, a Parents' Guide – Mary Griffith

Homeschooling: The Early Years: Your Complete Guide to Successfully Homeschooling the 3- to 8-year-old Child – Linda Dobson

Homeschooling: The Teen Years: Your Complete Guide to Successfully Homeschooling the 13- to 18-year Old – Cafi Cohen

Information Kits THEAC

The McGraw-Hill Homeschooling Companion – Laura Saba

One-to-one: A Practical Guide to Learning at Home: Age 0-11 – Gareth Lewis

Teach Your Own: The John Holt Book of Homeschooling – John Holt

The Teenage Liberation Handbook: How to Quit School and Get a Real Life and Education – Grace Llewellyn

The Ultimate Book of Homeschooling Ideas: 500+ Fun and Creative Learning Activities for Kids Ages 3-12 – Linda Dobson

Unqualified Education: A Practical Guide to Learning at Home: Age 11-18 – Gareth Lewis

The Why and How of Australian Home Education – John Peacock

Beyond Survival: A Guide to Abundant Life Homeschooling – Diana Waring

Family Matters: Why Homeschooling Makes Sense – David Guterson

Homeschooling: A Patchwork of Days: Share a Day with 30 Homeschooling Families – Nancy Lande

The Ultimate Guide to Homeschooling – Debra Bell

Natural Learning: A Journal for Australian Home Educators – John Peacock

Those Unschooled Minds: Home Educated Children Grow Up – Julie Webb

The Unschooling Handbook: How to Use the Whole World as Your Child's Classroom – Mary Griffith

Websites:

<http://www.homeschooling.com.au/>

<http://homeschoolaustralia.beverleypaine.com>

www.alwayslearningbooks.com.au

www.HomeSchoolArts.com

www.chartjungle.com - (*chore charts, schedules, etc*)

www.homeschoolfavourites.com.au

<http://homeschoolads.proboards51.com/index.cgi?>

www.early-advantage.com (*BBC Muzzy Language courses for children*)

www.schoolexpress.com

<http://homeschooling.gomilpitas.com>

www.donnayoung.org (*free resources*)

www.kepl.com.au/

www.lem.com.au/

www.tlsbooks.com

www.mathsisfun.com

www.mathspower.com.au

www.happychild.org.uk

www.home-school.com

www.fun-books.com

www.sonlight.com

www.smartkiddies.com (*maths*)

www.teachingtreasures.com.au

www.englishgrammar101.com

www.homeschoolfavourites.com.au

Some other options for teaching your child at home:

If you are looking for registration/enrolment with an organisation which would send the material to you, the work being completed by your child at home, then returning to be marked, you may like to consider:

Department of Education - Distance Education Tasmania (DET)

[Information correct as at 1/11/07]

Distance Education can only be accessed if you meet at least one of the following criteria:

1. Isolation:

Students who do not have reasonable daily access to an appropriate government school owing to their geographical location are eligible for enrolment eg a student isolated because the road is impassable or a very young student for whom a certain daily bus journey is too long.

2. Medical:

A student who has written medical advice from a medical professional that attendance at school is inadvisable. This could mean physical or psychological illness.

3. Pregnancy:

A student who is pregnant. Such enrolments may be extended into the post-natal period.

4. Travel:

A student for whom constant travel away from home is necessary, making enrolment at a local school difficult, or where a local school is not accessible. This refers to the children of itinerant workers and the children of Tasmanian residents who are living in inaccessible areas outside the state for work reasons (eg missionary workers). Students who are involved in travel for recreational purposes for a minimum of three months can also be enrolled.

5. Exceptional circumstances:

There may be special circumstances which make enrolment at DET necessary. These enrolments require the approval of the Secretary of the Department of Education.

Further details available from Distance Education Tasmania, PO Box 155, N Hobart TAS 7002. Ph: (03) 6233 7786. F: (03) 6233 8500 E: distance.education.tasmania@education.tas.gov.au. W: www.distance.tased.edu.au. [Lyn Dunn, Principal 0438 44 5605]

Seabrook Christian School

[Information correct as at 1/11/07]

Seabrook Christian School is a distance education mode of education. The program is adapted to the educational needs of students who work primarily in a home based environment but attend Seabrook from 1 to 3 days per week.

The Distance Education Service provides:

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| * PACEs (Workbooks), Score Keys and all resource material | * student reports |
| * oversight of the educational program | * individual and group teaching |
| * educational support by qualified teachers | * academic record keeping |
| * access to regional resource centres | * support via phone, fax and internet |

Further details available from Seabrook Christian School, P.O. Box 257, Somerset TAS 7322. Ph: (03) 6435 1128 F: (03) 6435 1272 E: somerset@seabrook.tas.edu.au. W: www.seabrook.tas.edu.au. Campuses in Somerset, St Helens, Launceston and Hobart.

Community Christian Academy

[Information correct as at 1/11/07]

Community Christian Academy utilises the ACE Programme [Accelerated Christian Education]. Community Christian Academy [CCA] remains responsible for the student's academic result and appropriate curriculum delivery services:

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| * Academic and curriculum advice (includes ability testing) | * All tests will be graded by school staff |
| * Providing assessment, recording and reporting facilities | * Provides specialised tutoring |
| * Ordering and supplying necessary materials (paid by school) | |
| * Access to the school's option programme subject to spaces available. At least a full-term commitment should be made for planning purposes. | |
| * Participation in school team events and student conventions competing against other schools in athletics, platform, music, academic and art/craft. | |
| * Students are required to attend CCA for 1 day per week unless constrained by distance. | |

Further details available from Community Christian Academy, PO Box 100, Newstead TAS 7250. Ph: (03) 6331 1922 F: (03) 6331 1944 E: office@communitychristianacademy.com.au. W: www.communitychristianacademy.com.au. Junior and senior campus in Launceston.