

Fact Sheet – Exemptions from Compulsory Schooling and Participation

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Information for Non-State Schools on the Process for Exemptions from Compulsory Schooling and Participation

Application for exemption

An application for exemption must be submitted for approval in the event that:

- a child of **compulsory school age** can not attend school or it would be unreasonable in the circumstances to require the child to attend school, for a period of more than 10 consecutive school days
- a young person in the **compulsory participation phase** can not participate in any eligible option or it would be unreasonable to require the young person to participate in any eligible option.

An exemption from compulsory schooling is not required for a student to undertake a recognised apprenticeship or traineeship. However, a student of compulsory school age would require an exemption in order to undertake other employment during the time when the student would usually participate in their educational program.

A student in the compulsory participation phase requires a partial exemption if seeking to combine part-time work with education and/or training. A student in the compulsory participation phase does not require an exemption to engage in full-time work.

Process

Parents must complete an *Application for Exemption from Compulsory Schooling (non-state school)* form for a child of **compulsory school age** or an *Application for Exemption from Compulsory Participation* form for a young person in the **compulsory participation phase**. Forms are available for download from the *Non-State Schools Accreditation Board* [website](#).

The *Education (General Provisions) Act 2006* (s186, s244) requires that applications for exemption be granted by the chief executive. In the case of non-state schools, the chief executive, Director-General, Education and Training, has delegated responsibility for approval of exemptions to the Assistant Director-General, Tertiary and Non-State Education. All applications for exemption once completed and signed by the responsible parent and principal should be forwarded to the Office of Non-State Education for approval (as stated on the application form).

Further information

For more information on the application process for exemptions from compulsory schooling and participation contact the Office of Non-State Education on (07) 3235 9947.