

EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES: INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

If your child is between the ages of 6 and 17, lives in the ACT and has not yet completed year 12, they are of *compulsory education age*. This means your child needs to be:

- enrolled with an education provider,
- registered for home education, or
- engaged in approved training or employment.

Your child also needs to meet the attendance and participation requirements of the *Education Act 2004* to:

- attend the school on every day, and during the times on every day, when the school is open for attendance; and
- attend every activity of the school (including attendance at an approved educational course) that the school requires the child to attend.

In some circumstances, it may not be possible to meet these requirements. In order to comply with the *Education Act 2004*, parents who can't meet these requirements should apply to the Education and Training Directorate for an Exemption Certificate. Failure to meet these requirements without an Exemption Certificate may lead to compliance action, and possible prosecution.

What is an Exemption Certificate?

An Exemption Certificate is like a permit. It states that a parent does not need to meet the requirements listed above. Sometimes Exemption Certificates have conditions attached which specify what is required of the student in terms of their attendance and participation.

What if I need more information?

For further information or to obtain an Exemption Certificate application please contact the Directorate at:

ExemptionCerts@act.gov.au

or by phone:

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