**Managing student absences and enforcing enrolment and attendance at state schools**

# **Circumstances where legal obligations of parents for compulsory schooling and compulsory participation do not apply**

Under the following circumstances the legal obligations of parents in regard to compulsory schooling **do not** apply:

* the child is registered or provisionally registered with Department of Education’s Home Education Unit for [home schooling](https://ppr.mpe.qed.qld.gov.au/pp/home-education-in-queensland-procedure)
* the child is prevented from attending school because they are subject to a direction or declaration in relation to a [contagious condition](https://ppr.mpe.qed.qld.gov.au/pp/management-of-contagious-conditions-procedure)
* during the time reasonably required to re-enrol if the child is [suspended or excluded](https://ppr.mpe.qed.qld.gov.au/pp/student-discipline-procedure) from one or all state schools
* the child has established a training contract for an apprenticeship or a traineeship. A copy of the contract is provided to the school or region as evidence of this apprenticeship or traineeship (s.204, *Education (General Provisions) Act 2006* (Qld), (EGPA))
* the child has applied to enrol at another state school or is [waiting for enrolment confirmation at another state school](https://ppr.mpe.qed.qld.gov.au/pp/enrolment-in-state-primary-secondary-and-special-schools-procedure)
* an [exemption](https://ppr.mpe.qed.qld.gov.au/pp/exemptions-from-compulsory-schooling-and-compulsory-participation-procedure) has been granted by the school or region (Chapter 9 Part 3, EGPA)
* under a Commonwealth law, the child is carrying on an activity other than attending a school (s.198, EGPA).

In addition to the above, under the following circumstances the legal obligations of parents in regard to **compulsory participation do not** apply:

* the young person is in paid employment for at least 25 hours a week and the employer can verify this (s.240(2)(a), EGPA)
* under a Commonwealth law, the young person is carrying on an activity other than attending a school or participating full-time in an eligible option (s.240(4), EGPA).